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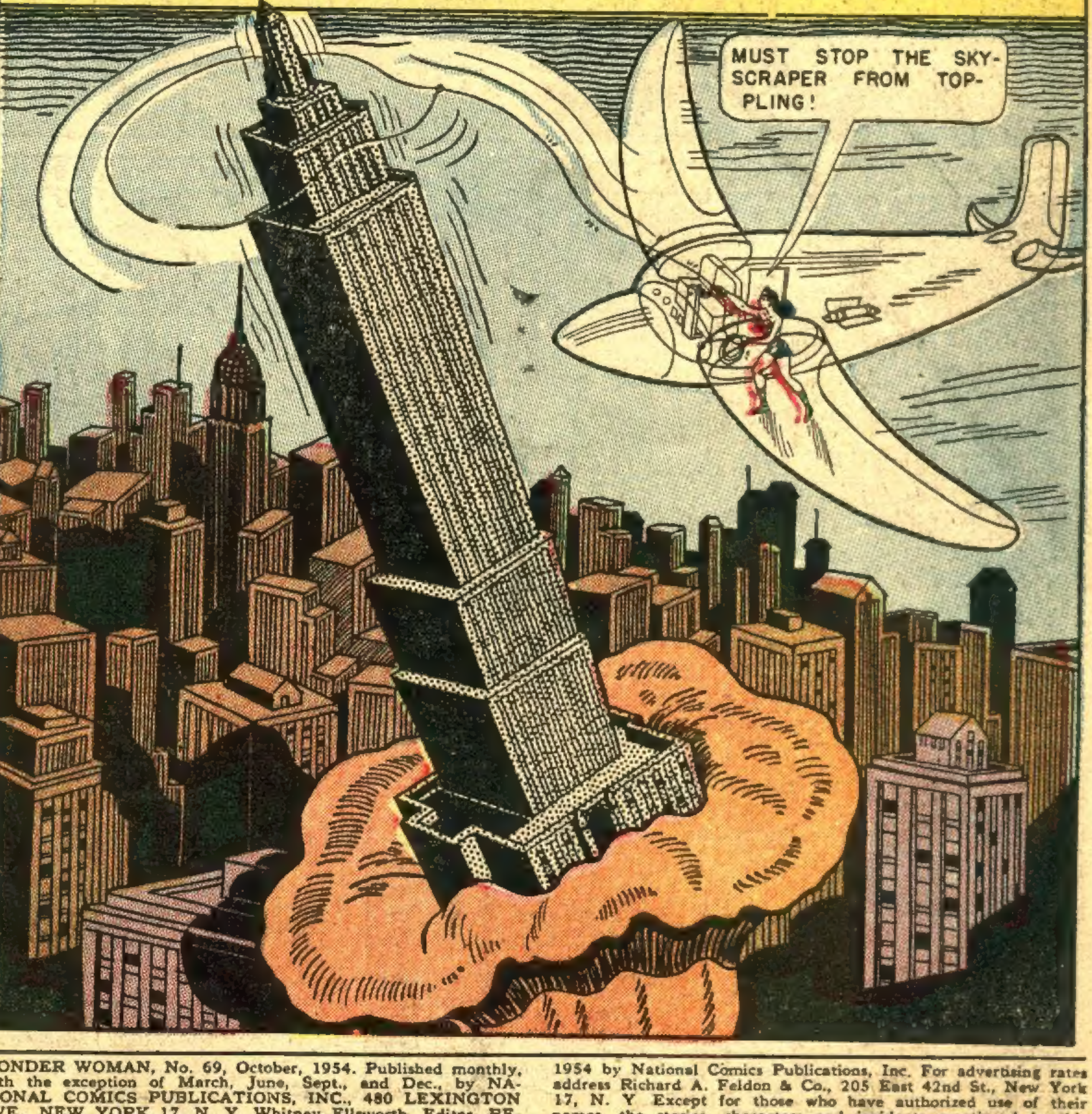
By CHARLES MOULTON

EARTH HAS BEEN INVADED MANY TIMES, FROM RAINDROPS TO SPACE SHIPS, AND ALWAYS **WONDER WOMAN** — BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES — HAS ALWAYS MANAGED TO STAVE OFF DISASTER! BUT THIS TIME, THE FEARLESS AMAZON PRINCESS ENCOUNTERS THE UNIQUE THREAT OF THE -----

"SEEDS OF PERIL!"


MUST STOP THE SKYSCRAPER FROM TOPPLING!

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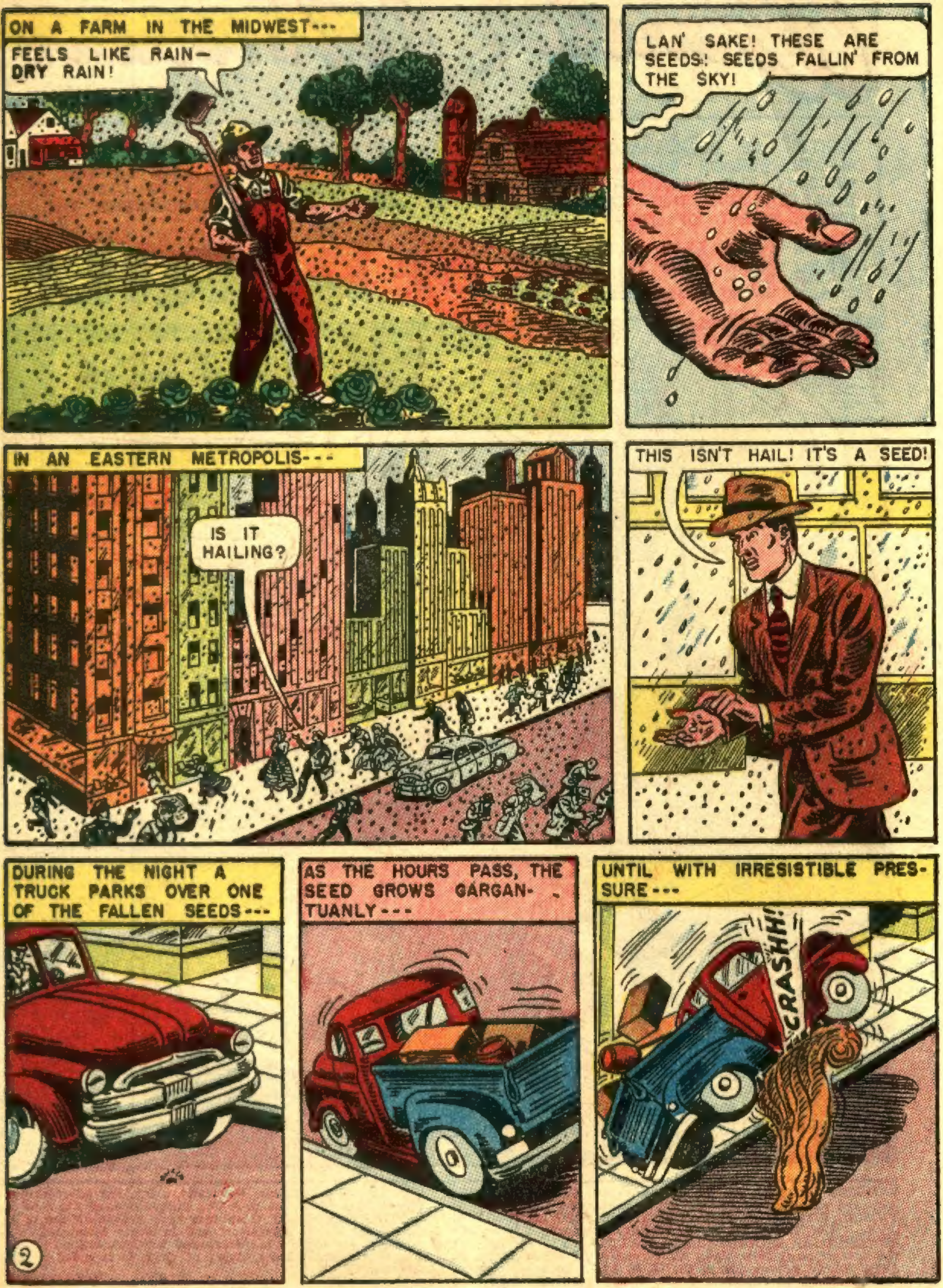
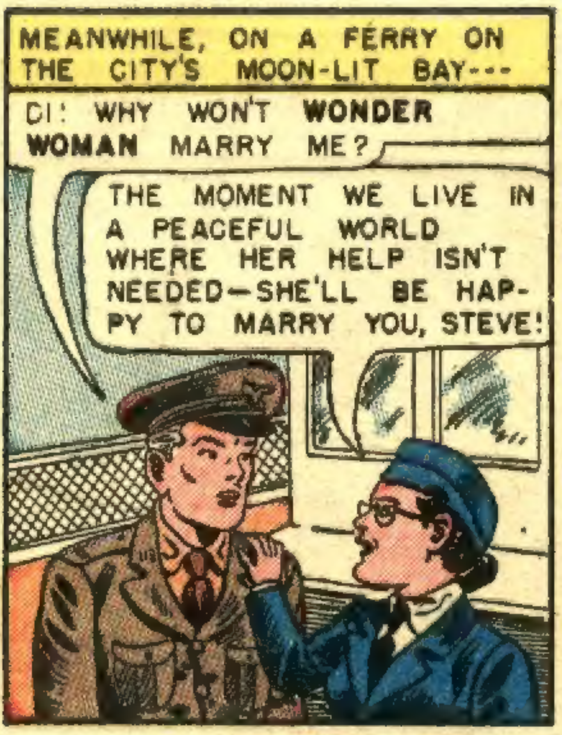
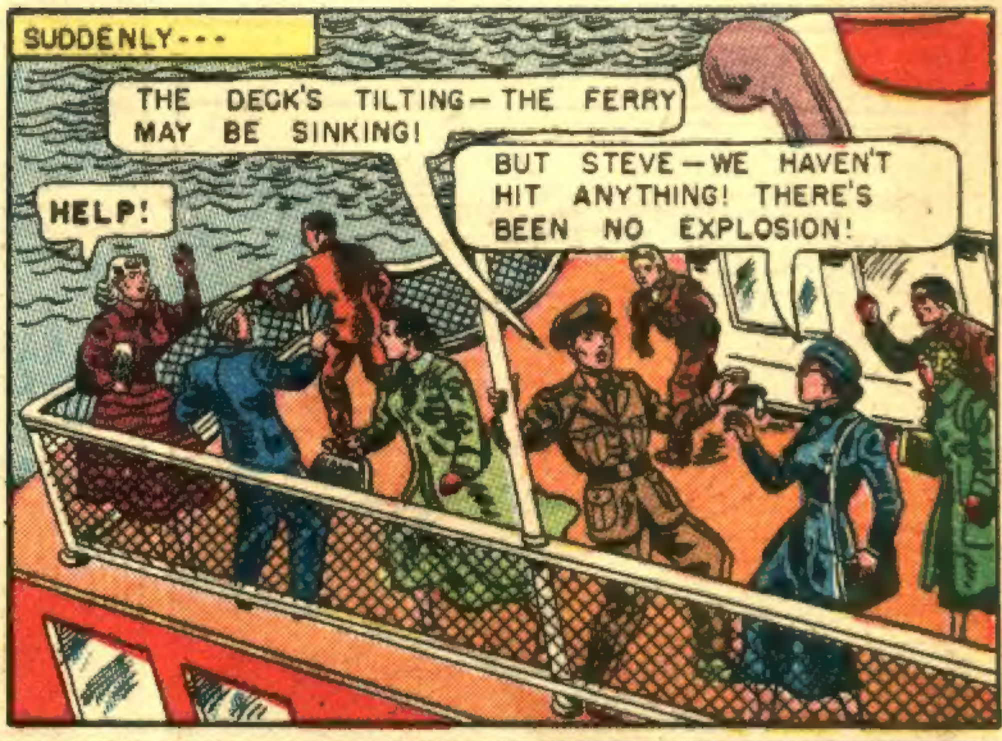
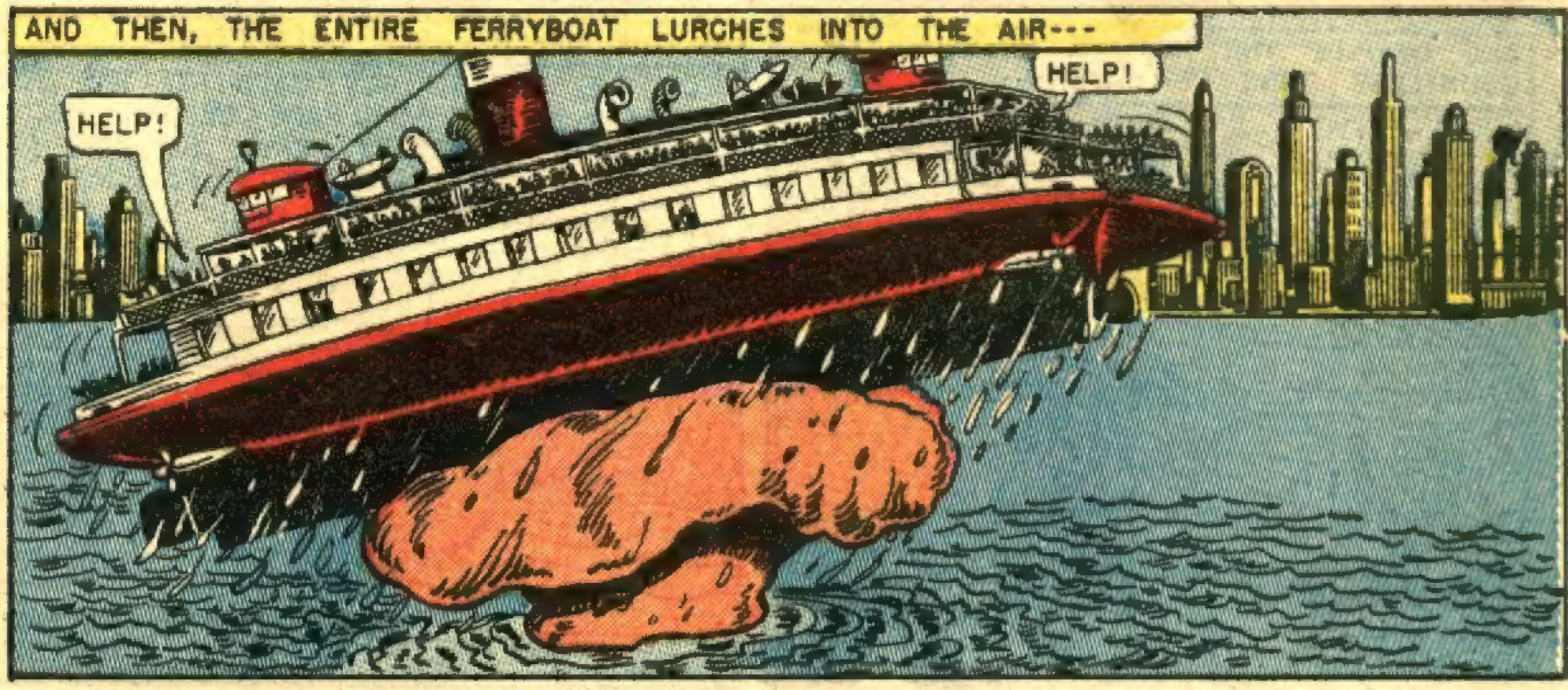
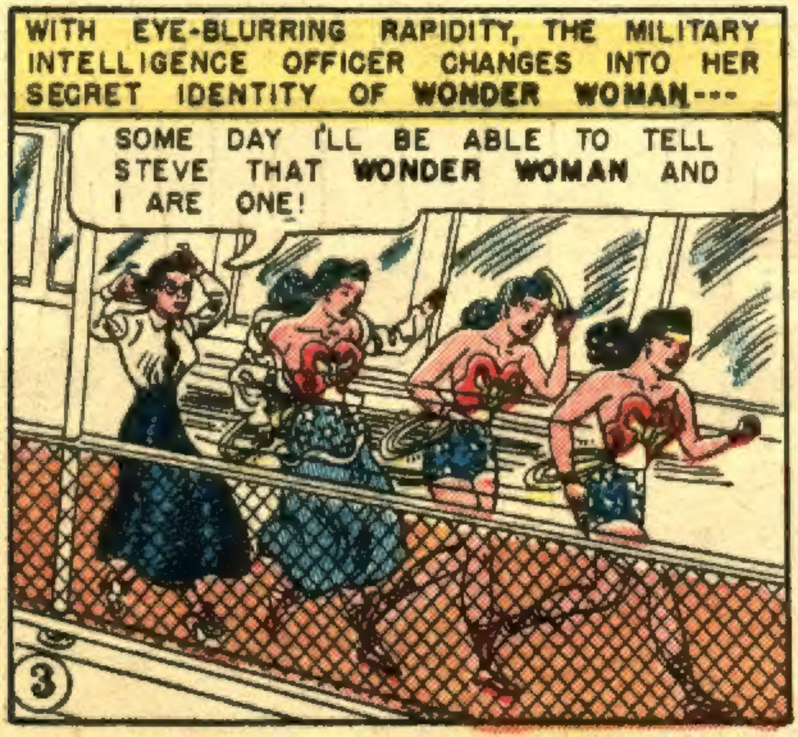
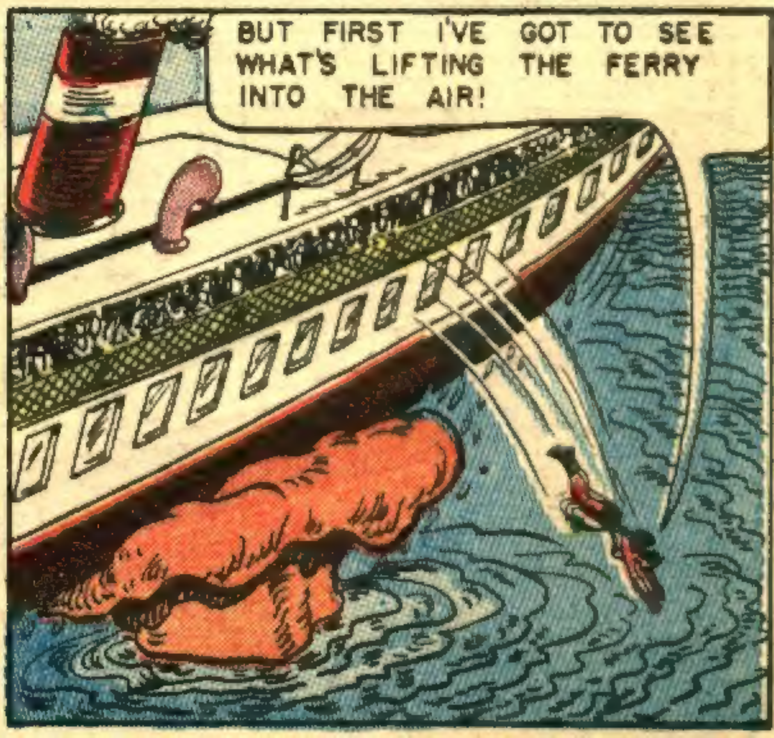

ON A FARM IN THE MIDWEST---
FEELS LIKE RAIN-DRY RAIN!
LAN' SAKE! THESE ARE SEEDS! SEEDS FALLIN' FROM THE SKY!
IN AN EASTERN METROPOLIS---
IS IT HAILING?
THIS ISN'T HAIL! IT'S A SEED!
DURING THE NIGHT A TRUCK PARKS OVER ONE OF THE FALLEN SEEDS---
AS THE HOURS PASS, THE SEED GROWS GARGANTUANLY---
UNTIL WITH IRRESISTIBLE PRESSURE---
CRASHH!

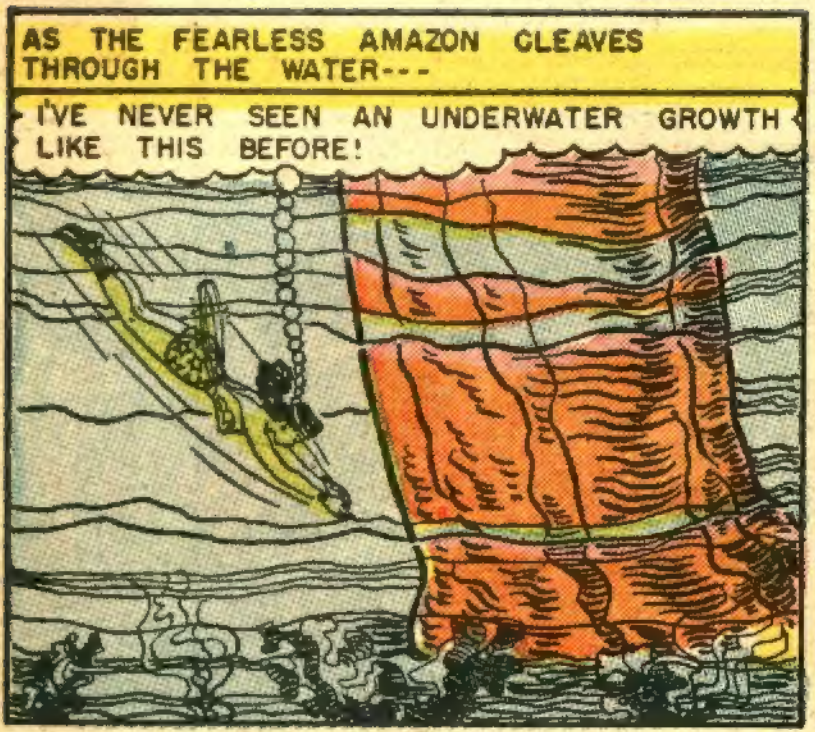

MEANWHILE, ON A FERRY ON THE CITY'S MOON-LIT BAY---
DI: WHY WON'T **WONDER WOMAN** MARRY ME?
THE MOMENT WE LIVE IN A PEACEFUL WORLD WHERE HER HELP ISN'T NEEDED—SHE'LL BE HAPPY TO MARRY YOU, STEVE!

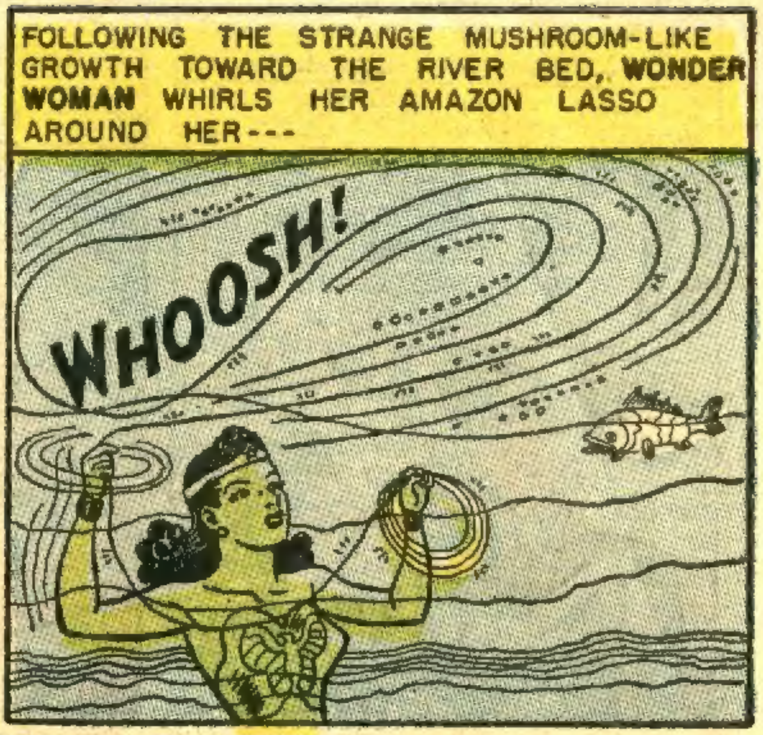

SUDDENLY---
THE DECK'S TILTING—THE FERRY MAY BE SINKING!
HELP!
BUT STEVE—WE HAVEN'T HIT ANYTHING! THERE'S BEEN NO EXPLOSION!

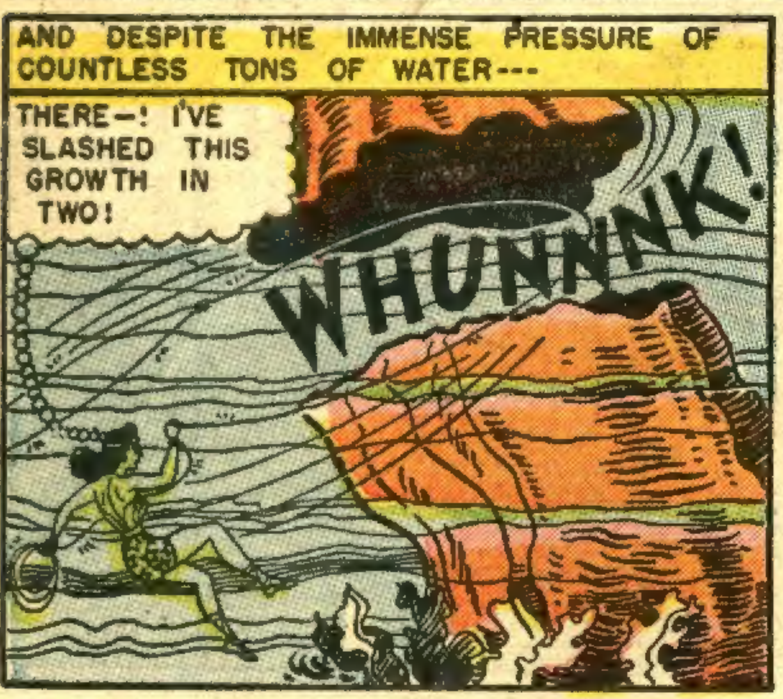

AND THEN, THE ENTIRE FERRYBOAT LURCHES INTO THE AIR---
HELP!
HELP!

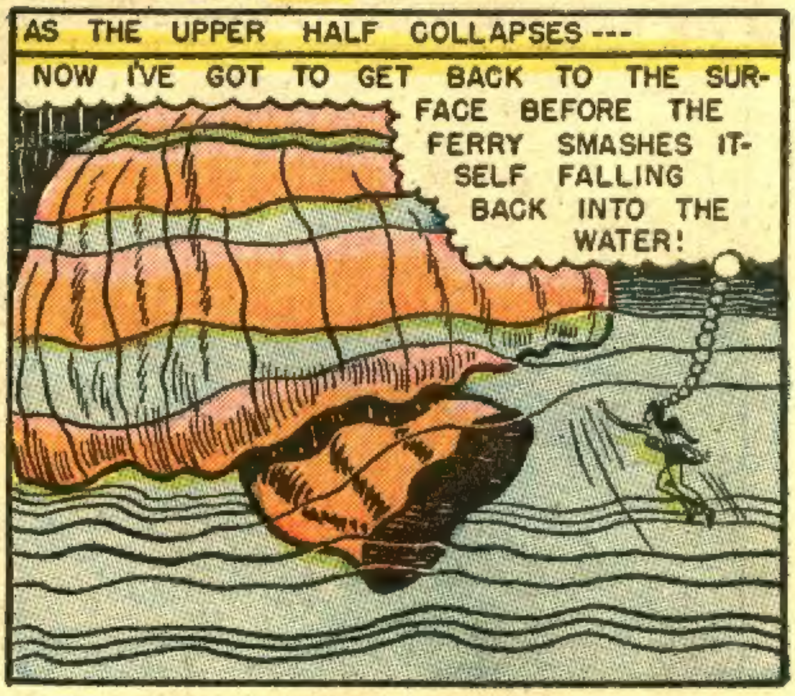

WITH EYE-BLURRING RAPIDITY, THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER CHANGES INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF **WONDER WOMAN**---
SOME DAY I'LL BE ABLE TO TELL STEVE THAT **WONDER WOMAN** AND I ARE ONE!

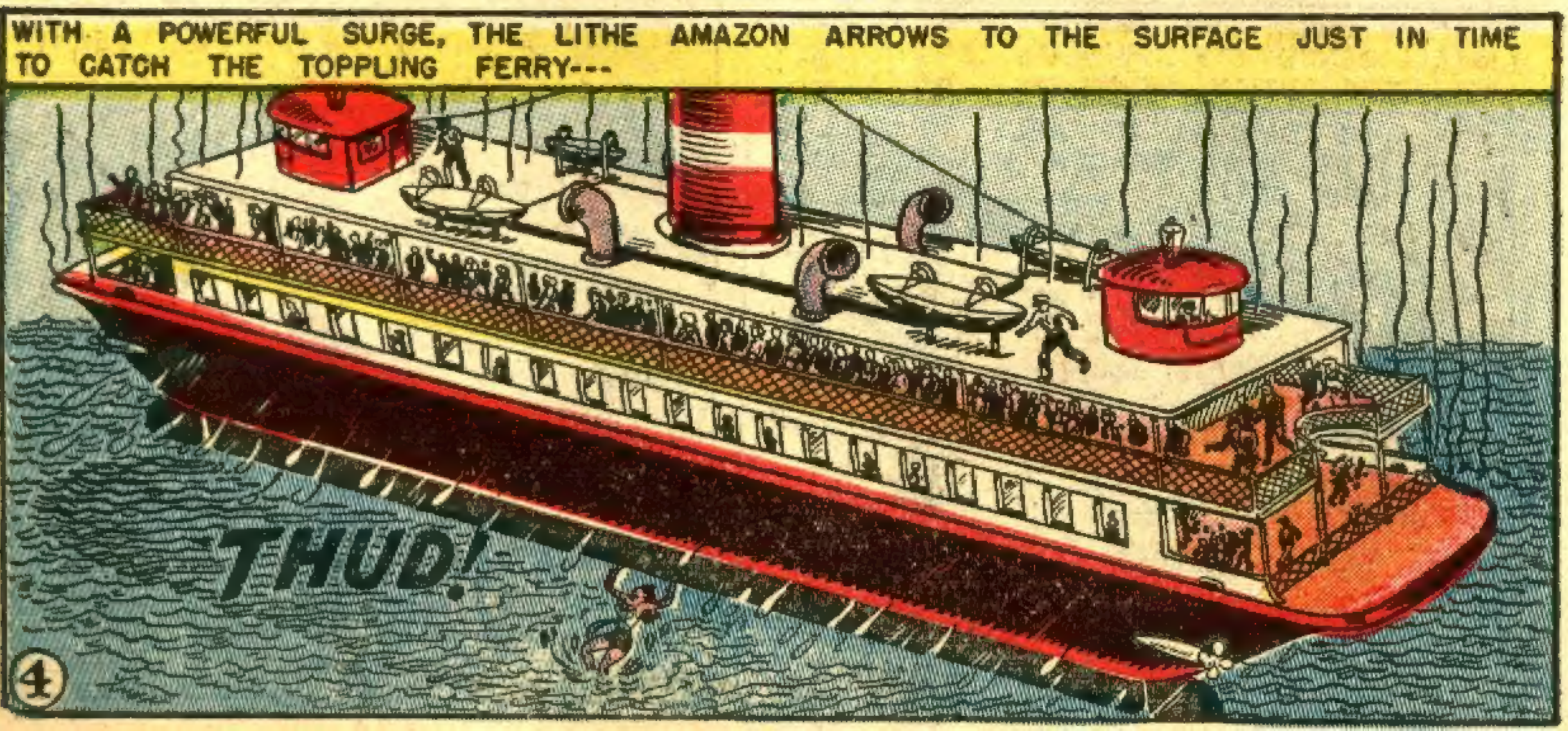

BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO SEE WHAT'S LIFTING THE FERRY INTO THE AIR!

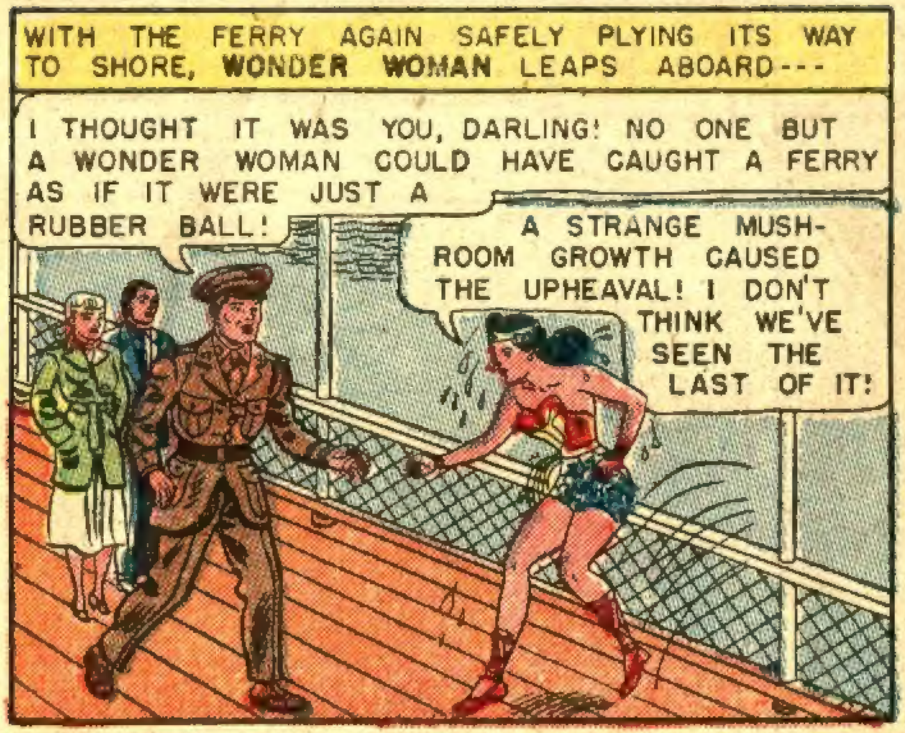

AS THE FEARLESS AMAZON CLEAVES THROUGH THE WATER---
I'VE NEVER SEEN AN UNDERWATER GROWTH LIKE THIS BEFORE!

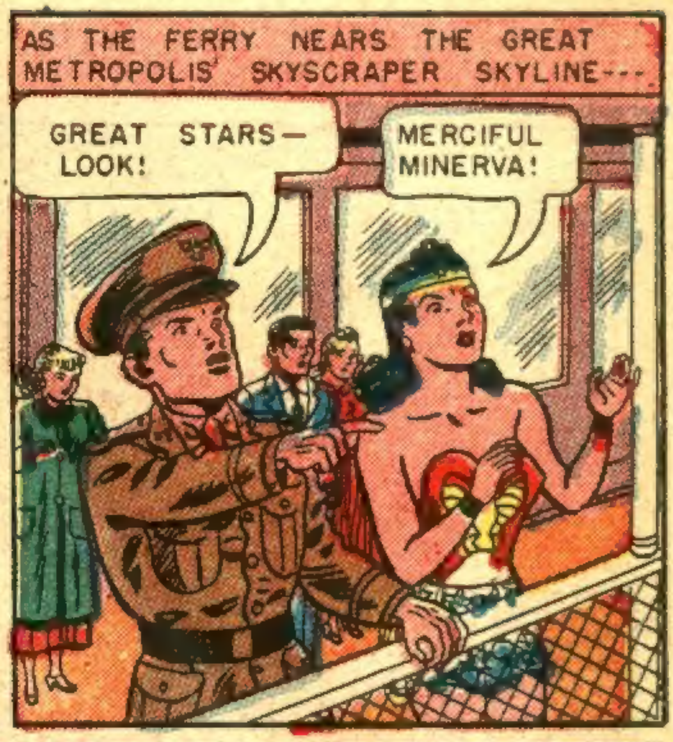

FOLLOWING THE STRANGE MUSHROOM-LIKE GROWTH TOWARD THE RIVER BED, **WONDER WOMAN** WHIRLS HER AMAZON LASSO AROUND HER---
WHOOSH!

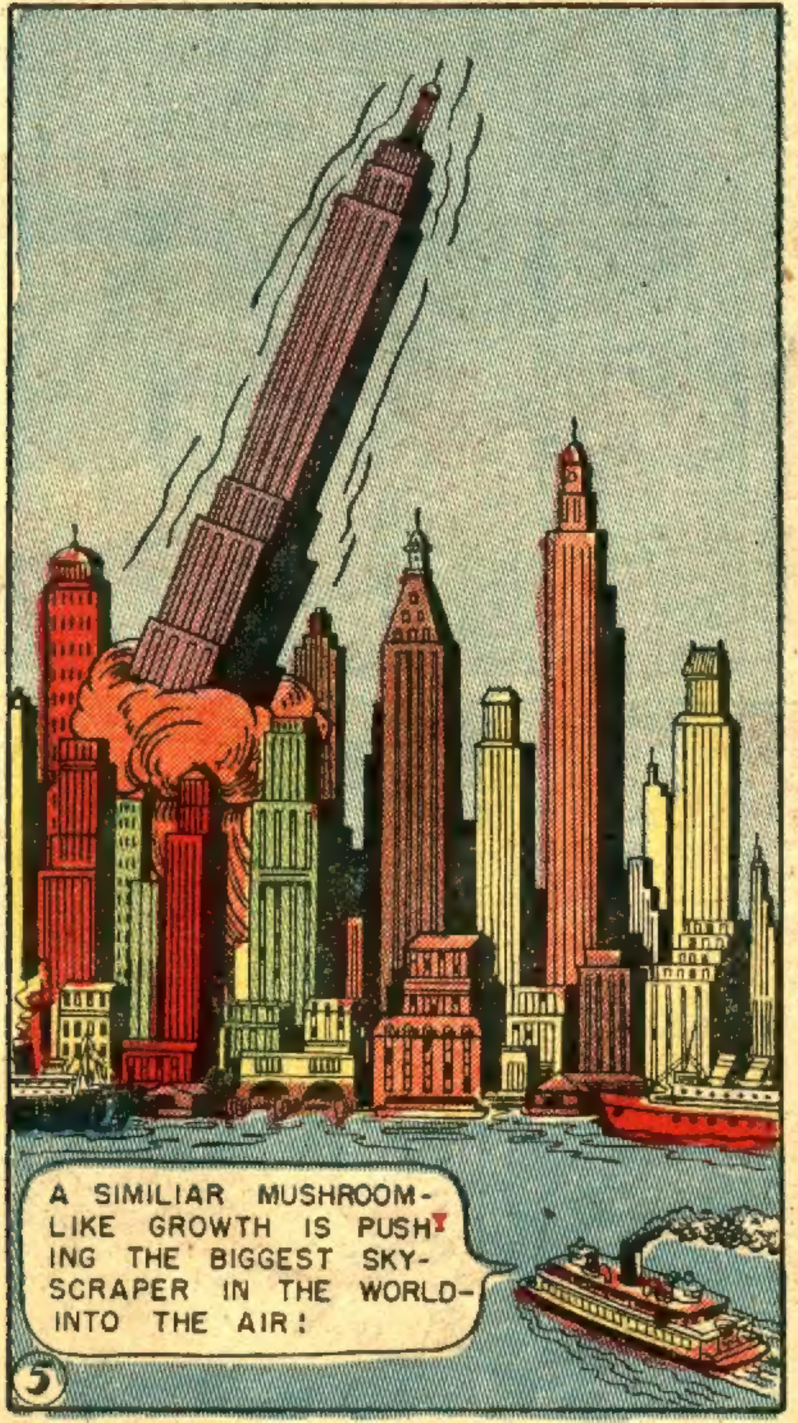

AND DESPITE THE IMMENSE PRESSURE OF COUNTLESS TONS OF WATER---
THERE—! I'VE SLASHED THIS GROWTH IN TWO!
WHUNNNK!

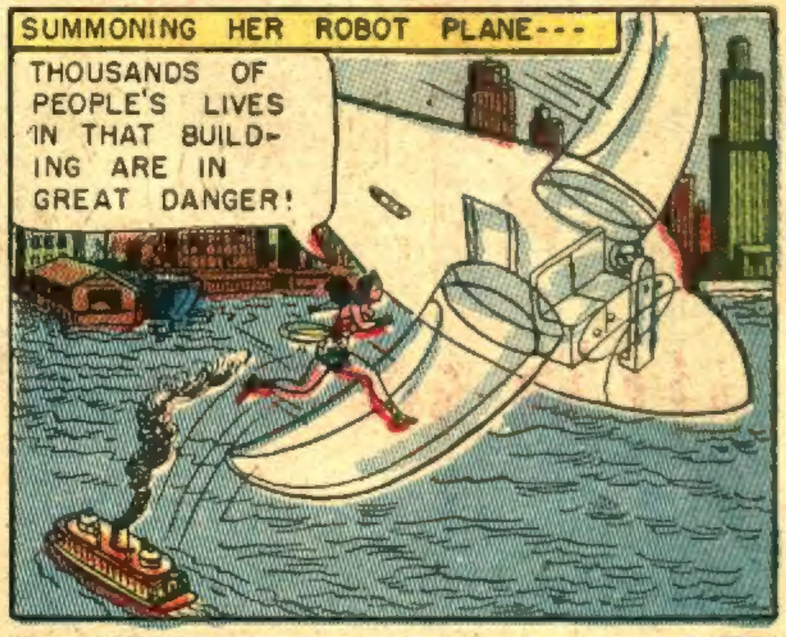

AS THE UPPER HALF COLLAPSES---
NOW I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE SURFACE BEFORE THE FERRY SMASHES ITSELF FALLING BACK INTO THE WATER!

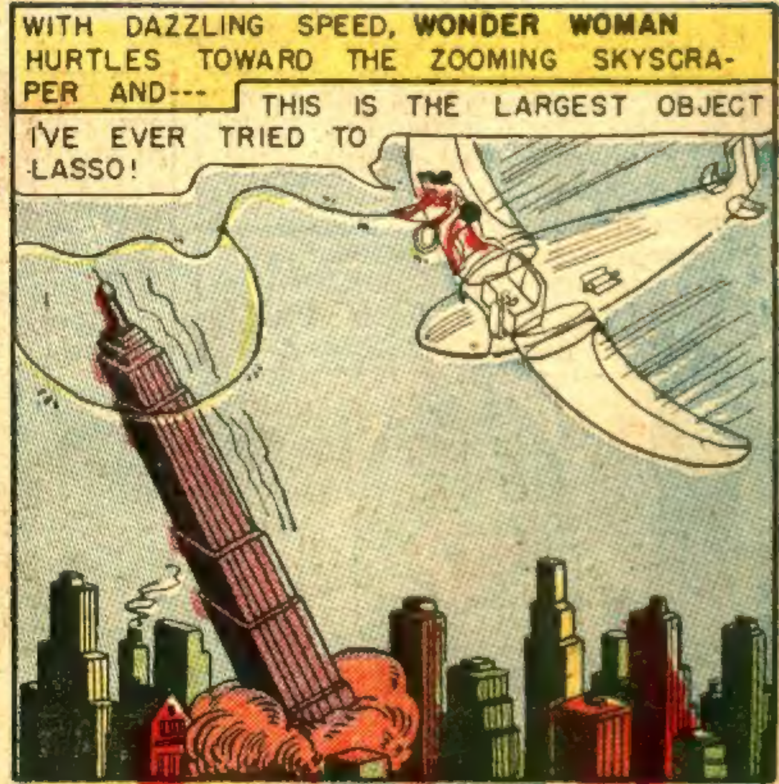

WITH A POWERFUL SURGE, THE LITHE AMAZON ARROWS TO THE SURFACE JUST IN TIME TO CATCH THE TOPPLING FERRY---
THUD!

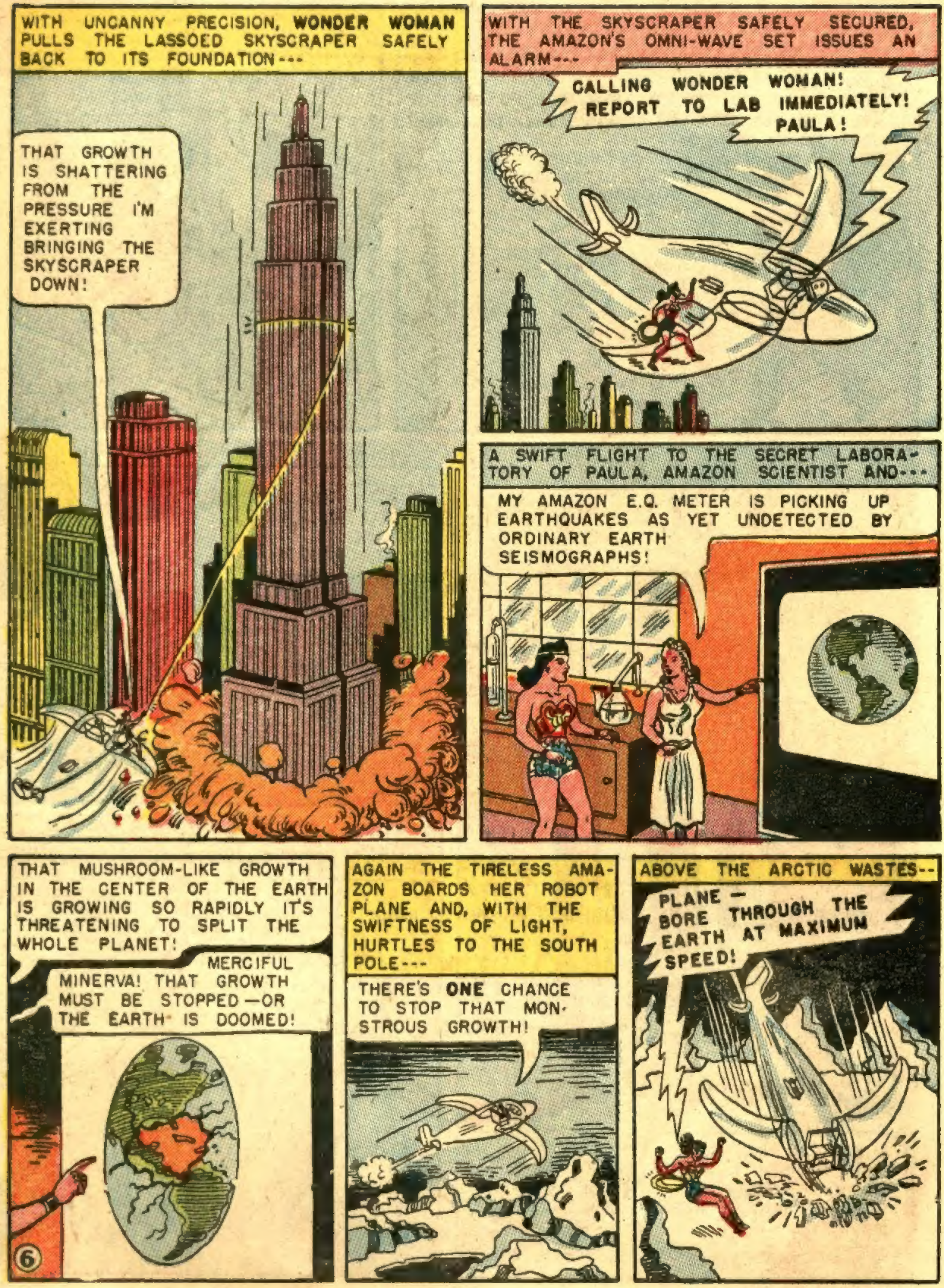

WITH THE FERRY AGAIN SAFELY PLYING ITS WAY TO SHORE, **WONDER WOMAN** LEAPS ABOARD---
I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU, DARLING! NO ONE BUT A WONDER WOMAN COULD HAVE CAUGHT A FERRY AS IF IT WERE JUST A RUBBER BALL!
A STRANGE MUSHROOM GROWTH CAUSED THE UPHEAVAL! I DON'T THINK WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF IT!

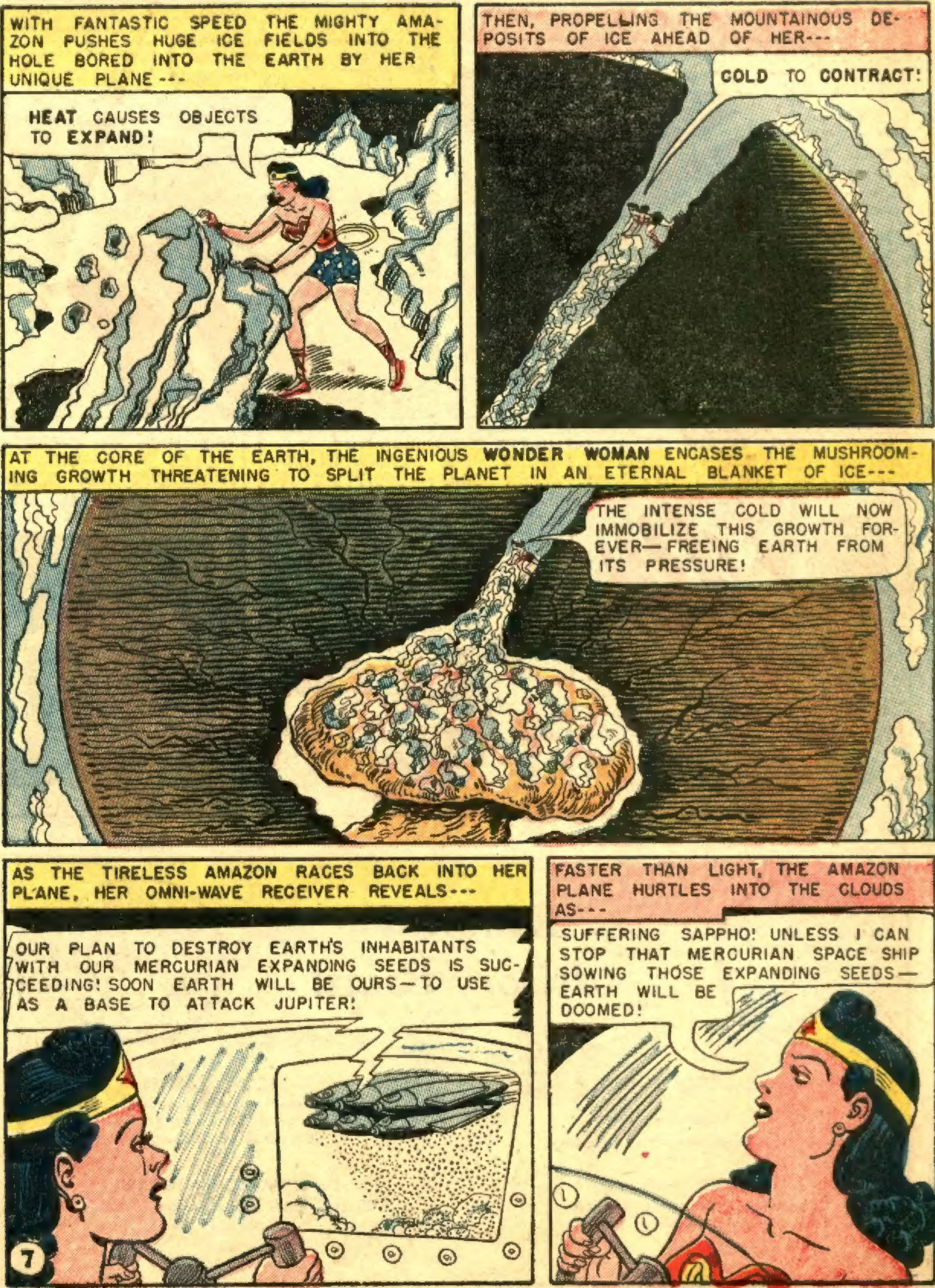

AS THE FERRY NEARS THE GREAT METROPOLIS' SKYSCRAPER SKYLINE---
GREAT STARS— LOOK!
MERCIFUL MINERVA!

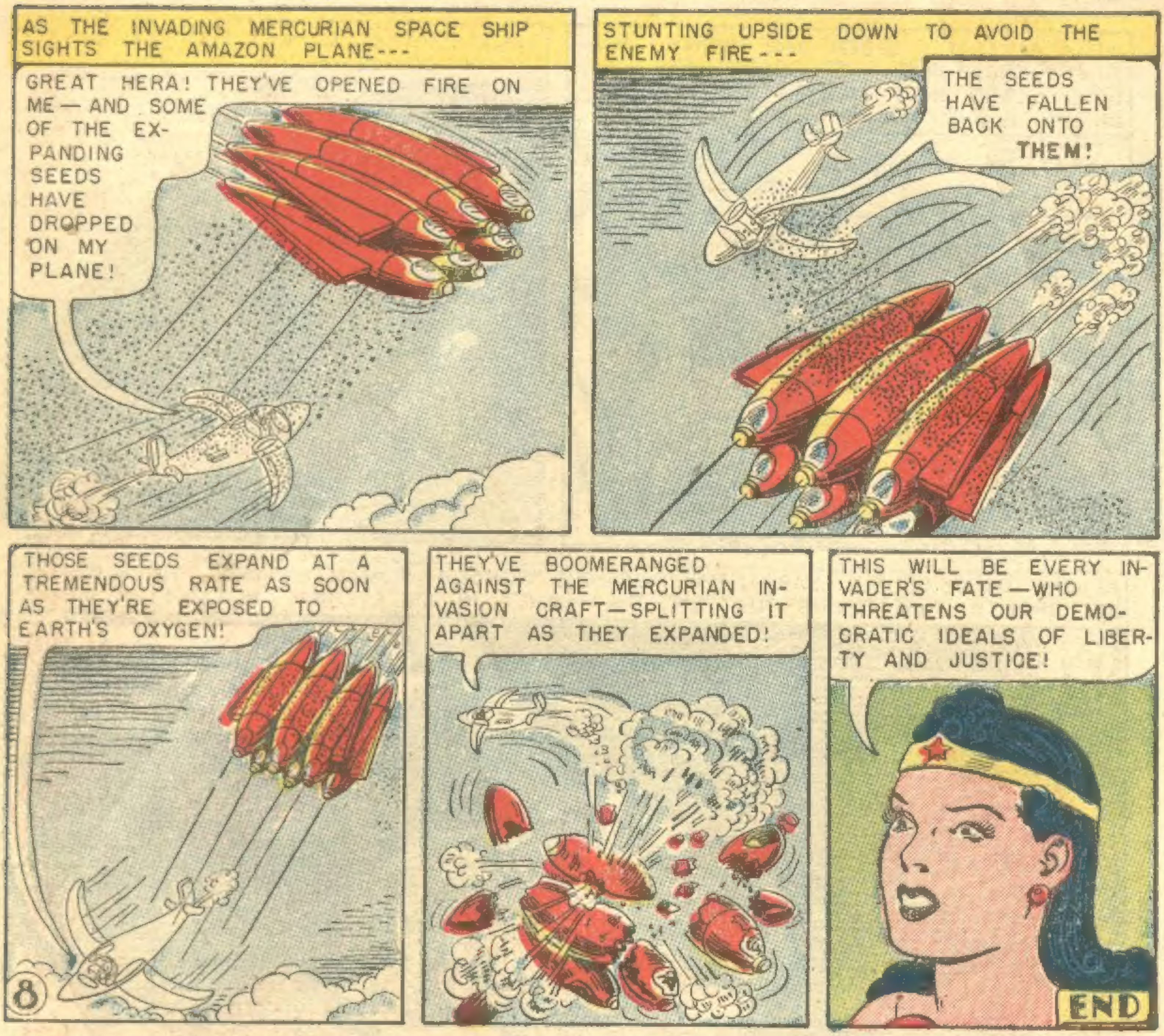

A SIMILIAR MUSHROOM-LIKE GROWTH IS PUSHING THE BIGGEST SKYSCRAPER IN THE WORLD INTO THE AIR!


SUMMONING HER ROBOT PLANE---
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE'S LIVES IN THAT BUILDING ARE IN GREAT DANGER!


WITH DAZZLING SPEED, **WONDER WOMAN** HURTLES TOWARD THE ZOOMING SKYSCRAPER AND---
THIS IS THE LARGEST OBJECT I'VE EVER TRIED TO LASSO!


WITH UNCANNY PRECISION, WONDER WOMAN PULLS THE LASSOED SKYSCRAPER SAFELY BACK TO ITS FOUNDATION---
THAT GROWTH IS SHATTERING FROM THE PRESSURE I'M EXERTING BRINGING THE SKYSCRAPER DOWN!
WITH THE SKYSCRAPER SAFELY SECURED, THE AMAZON'S OMNI-WAVE SET ISSUES AN ALARM---
CALLING WONDER WOMAN! REPORT TO LAB IMMEDIATELY! PAULA!
A SWIFT FLIGHT TO THE SECRET LABORATORY OF PAULA, AMAZON SCIENTIST AND---
MY AMAZON E.Q. METER IS PICKING UP EARTHQUAKES AS YET UNDETECTED BY ORDINARY EARTH SEISMOGRAPHS!
THAT MUSHROOM-LIKE GROWTH IN THE CENTER OF THE EARTH IS GROWING SO RAPIDLY IT'S THREATENING TO SPLIT THE WHOLE PLANET!
MERCIFUL MINERVA! THAT GROWTH MUST BE STOPPED—OR THE EARTH IS DOOMED!
AGAIN THE TIRELESS AMAZON BOARDS HER ROBOT PLANE AND, WITH THE SWIFTNESS OF LIGHT, HURTLES TO THE SOUTH POLE---
THERE'S ONE CHANCE TO STOP THAT MONSTROUS GROWTH!
ABOVE THE ARCTIC WASTES--
PLANE — BORE THROUGH THE EARTH AT MAXIMUM SPEED!


WITH FANTASTIC SPEED THE MIGHTY AMAZON PUSHES HUGE ICE FIELDS INTO THE HOLE BORED INTO THE EARTH BY HER UNIQUE PLANE---
HEAT CAUSES OBJECTS TO **EXPAND**!
THEN, PROPELLING THE MOUNTAINOUS DEPOSITS OF ICE AHEAD OF HER---
COLD TO **CONTRACT**!
AT THE CORE OF THE EARTH, THE INGENIOUS **WONDER WOMAN** ENCASES THE MUSHROOMING GROWTH THREATENING TO SPLIT THE PLANET IN AN ETERNAL BLANKET OF ICE---
THE INTENSE COLD WILL NOW IMMOBILIZE THIS GROWTH FOREVER—FREEING EARTH FROM ITS PRESSURE!
AS THE TIRELESS AMAZON RACES BACK INTO HER PLANE, HER OMNI-WAVE RECEIVER REVEALS---
OUR PLAN TO DESTROY EARTH'S INHABITANTS WITH OUR MERCURIAN EXPANDING SEEDS IS SUCCEEDING! SOON EARTH WILL BE OURS—TO USE AS A BASE TO ATTACK JUPITER!
7
FASTER THAN LIGHT, THE AMAZON PLANE HURTLES INTO THE CLOUDS AS---
SUFFERING SAPPHO! UNLESS I CAN STOP THAT MERCURIAN SPACE SHIP SOWING THOSE EXPANDING SEEDS—EARTH WILL BE DOOMED!


AS THE INVADING MERCURIAN SPACE SHIP SIGHTS THE AMAZON PLANE---
GREAT HERA! THEY'VE OPENED FIRE ON ME—AND SOME OF THE EXPANDING SEEDS HAVE DROPPED ON MY PLANE!
STUNTING UPSIDE DOWN TO AVOID THE ENEMY FIRE---
THE SEEDS HAVE FALLEN BACK ONTO **THEM!**
THOSE SEEDS EXPAND AT A TREMENDOUS RATE AS SOON AS THEY'RE EXPOSED TO EARTH'S OXYGEN!
8
THEY'VE BOOMERANGED AGAINST THE MERCURIAN INVASION CRAFT—SPLITTING IT APART AS THEY EXPANDED!
THIS WILL BE EVERY INVADER'S FATE—WHO THREATENS OUR DEMOCRATIC IDEALS OF LIBERTY AND JUSTICE!
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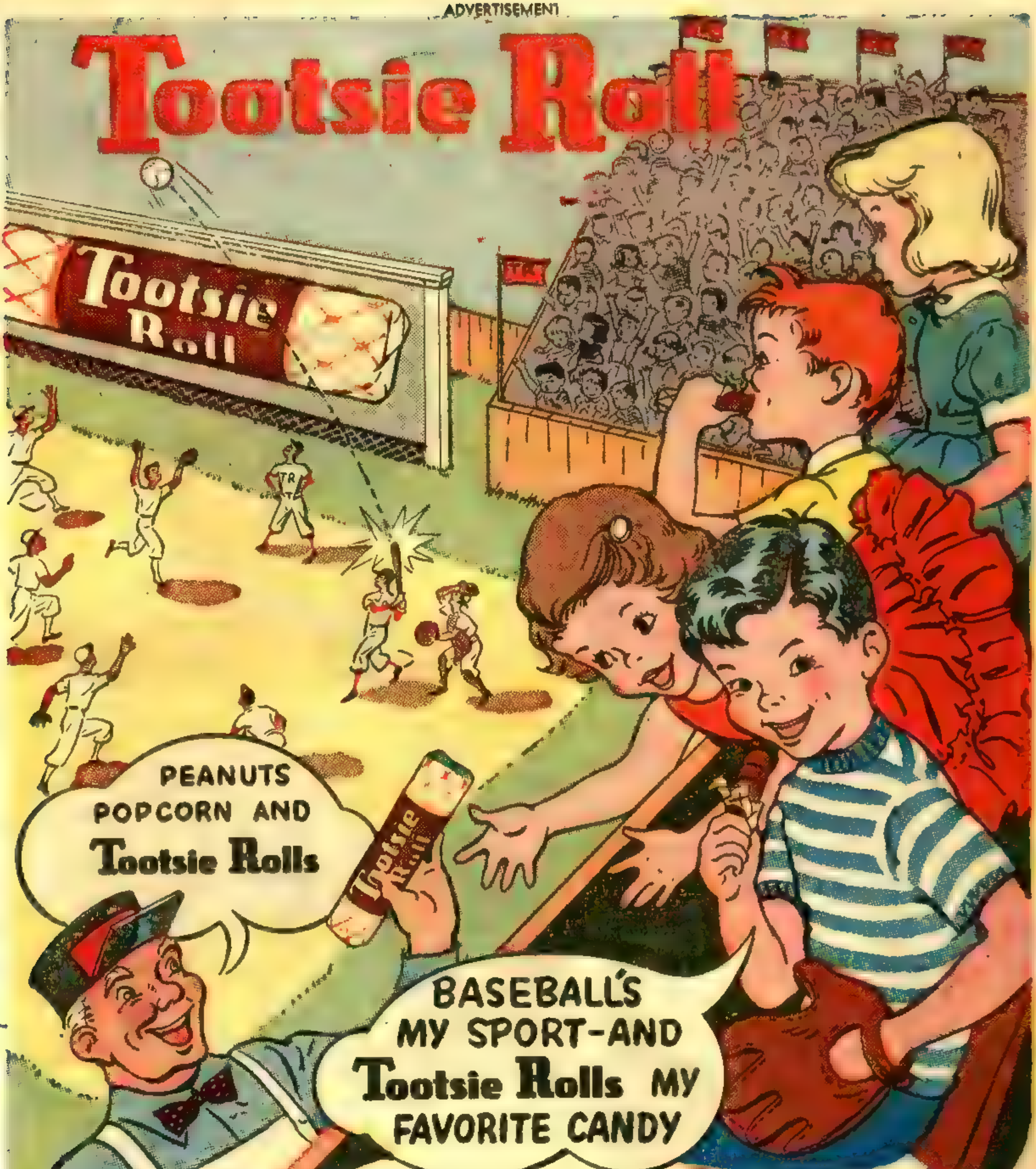
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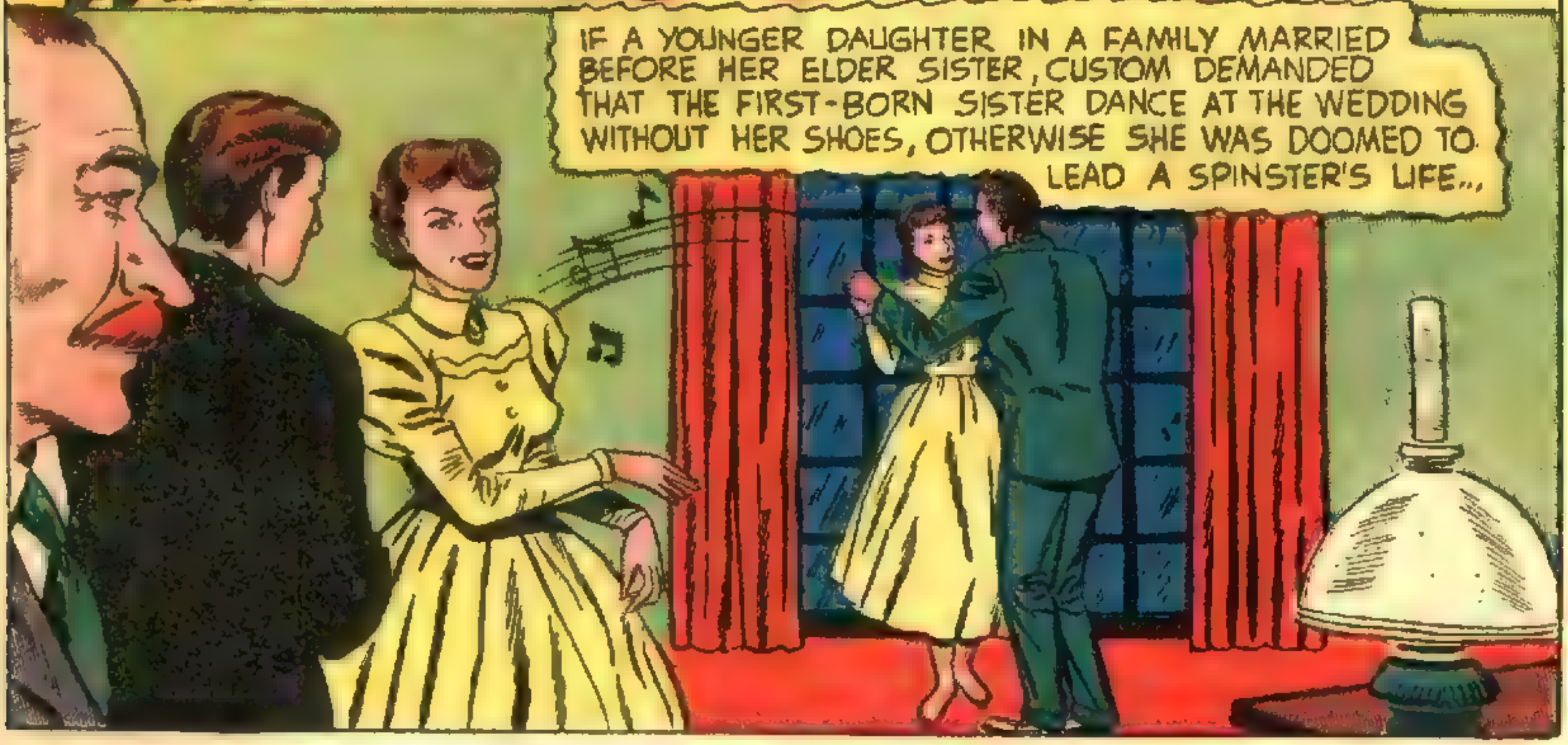
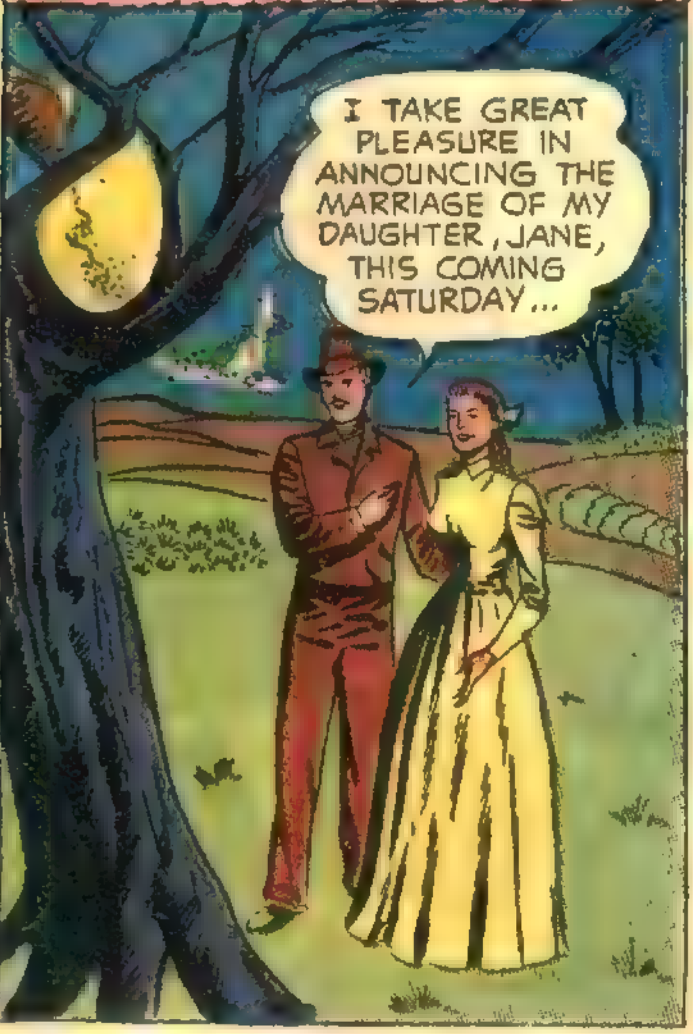
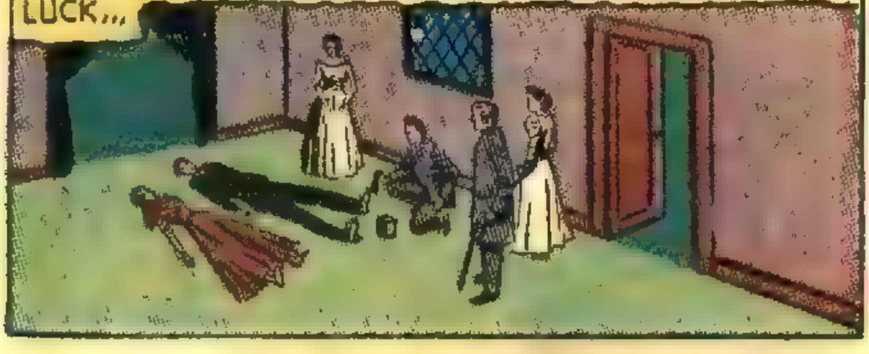


IF A YOUNGER DAUGHTER IN A FAMILY MARRIED BEFORE HER ELDER SISTER, CUSTOM DEMANDED THAT THE FIRST-BORN SISTER DANCE AT THE WEDDING WITHOUT HER SHOES, OTHERWISE SHE WAS DOOMED TO LEAD A SPINSTER'S LIFE...

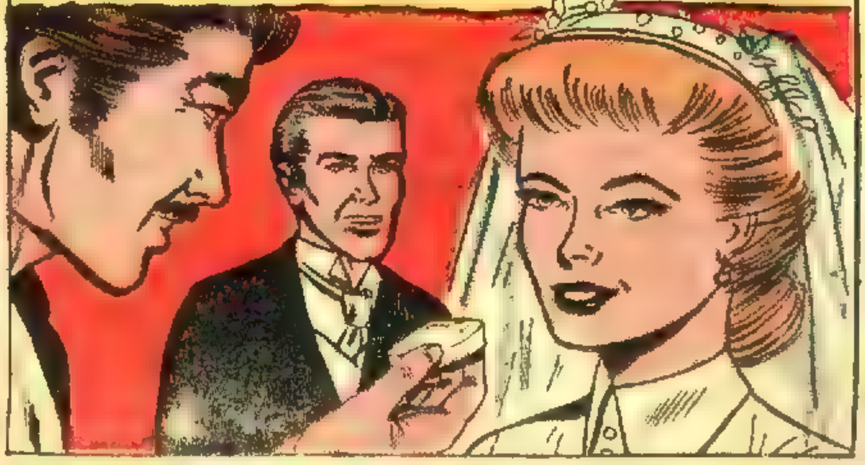
UNLESS THE BEES BELONGING TO A HOUSEHOLD WERE OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED OF A FORTHCOMING WEDDING IN THE FAMILY, A QUAINT RURAL SUPERSTITION ASSERTED THAT THE ANGRY BEES WOULD DESERT THEIR HIVE...


I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING THE MARRIAGE OF MY DAUGHTER, JANE, THIS COMING SATURDAY...

IT WAS CUSTOMARY IN SCOTLAND TO VISIT AN ENGAGED COUPLE ON THE EVE OF THEIR WEDDING TO WISH THEM HAPPINESS. AS THE WELL-WISHERS ENTERED, THEY WERE GREETED BY THE BETROTHED PAIR STRETCHED FULL-LENGTH ON THE FLOOR, WITH THEIR BARE FEET SHOWING... WHICH THE VISITORS PROMPTLY PAINTED WITH SOOT AND BLACKING FOR LUCK...



ONE OF THE IMPORTANT DUTIES OF THE BEST MAN AT A WEDDING IN WALES WAS TO GIVE THE BRIDE A DAINTILY CUT PIECE OF BREAD AND BUTTER, WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT IT WOULD INDUCE HER CHILDREN TO HAVE PRETTY AND SMALL MOUTHS...



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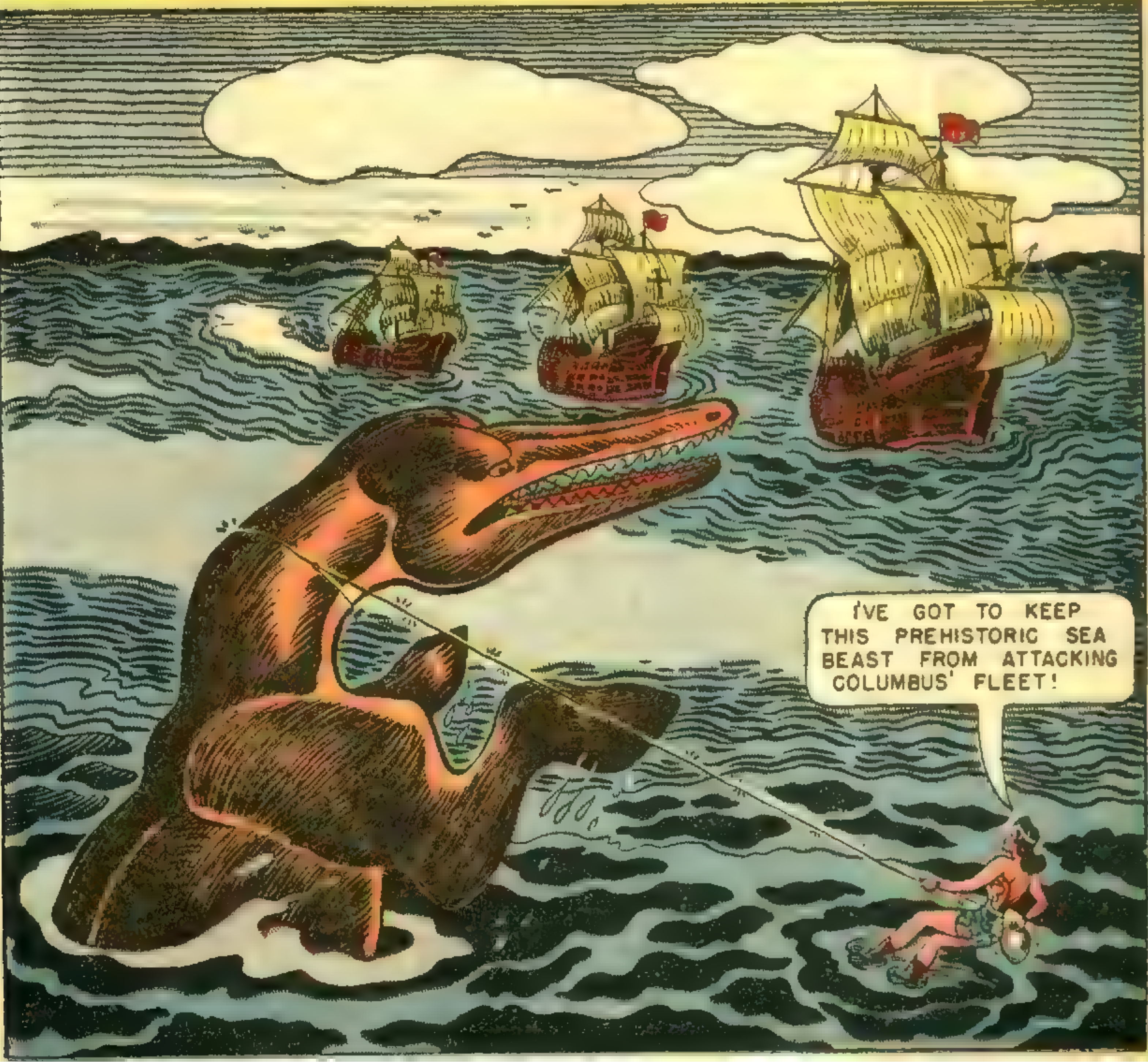
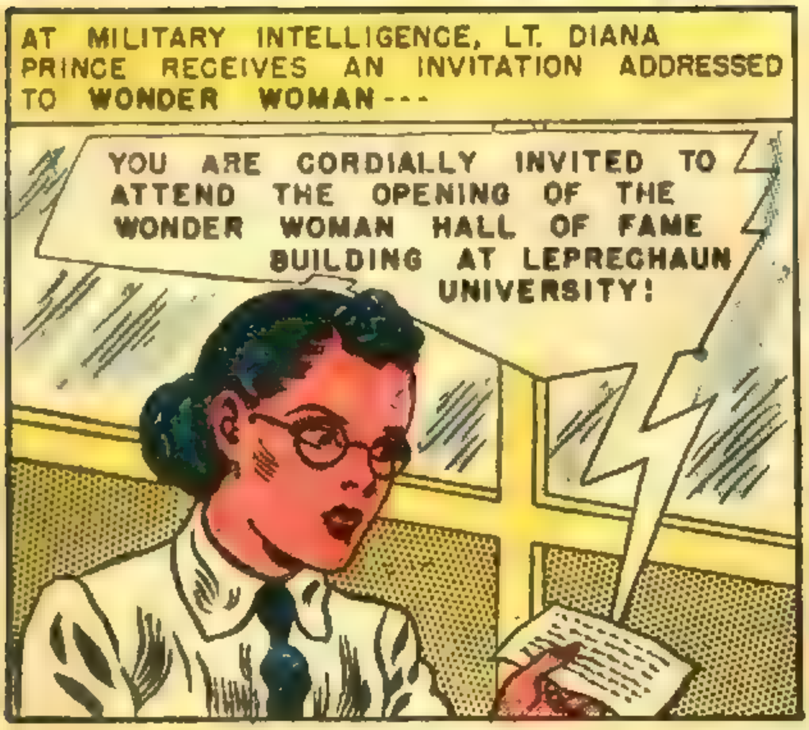
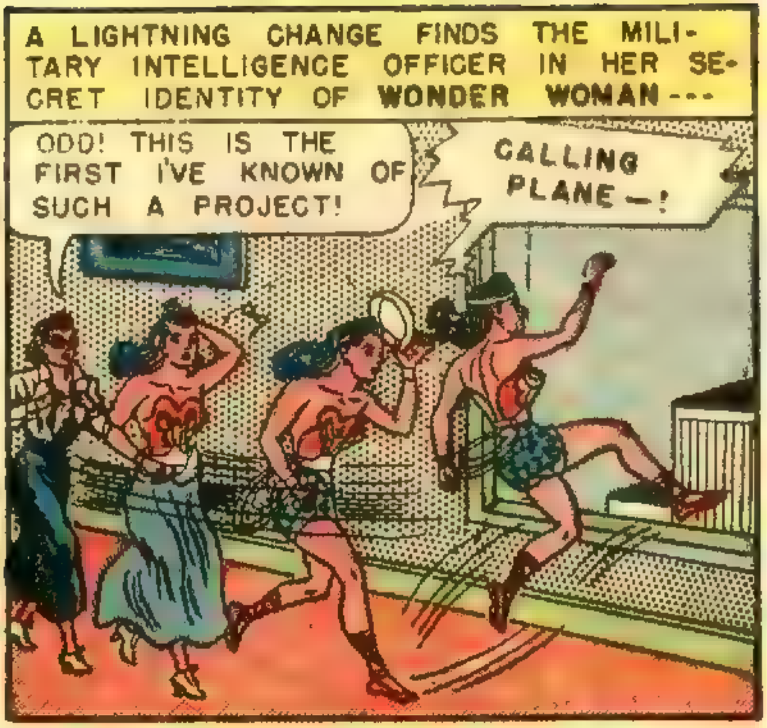
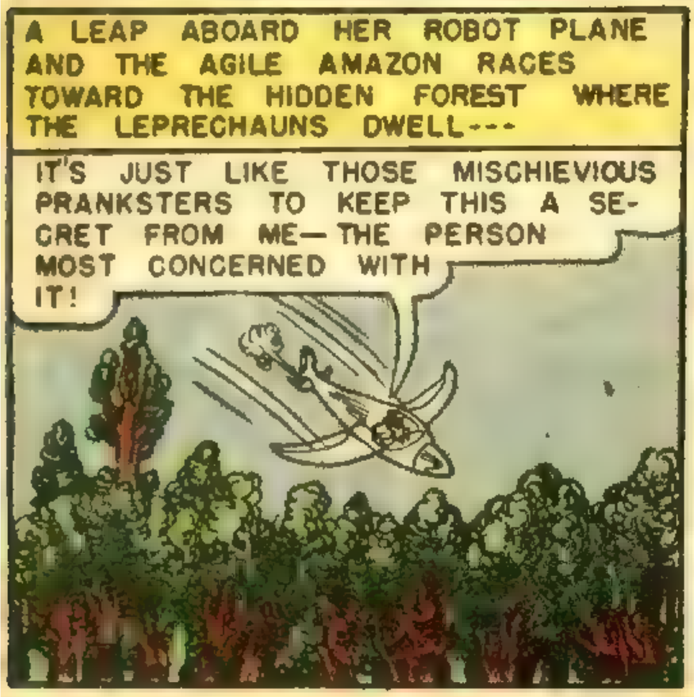
WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF COLUMBUS' SHIPS DISAPPEARED? OR PAUL REVERE FAILED TO COMPLETE HIS MIDNIGHT RIDE? OR THE WRIGHT BROTHERS' AIRPLANE COULDN'T FLY? HISTORY MIGHT HAVE BEEN VASTLY DIFFERENT! AND YET, WERE ALL THESE SUCCESSES ACHIEVED WITHOUT HINDRANCE? FOR THE ACTION-STUDDED ANSWERS—READ HOW IT ALL STARTED WHEN **WONDER WOMAN**—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO - - - - - -

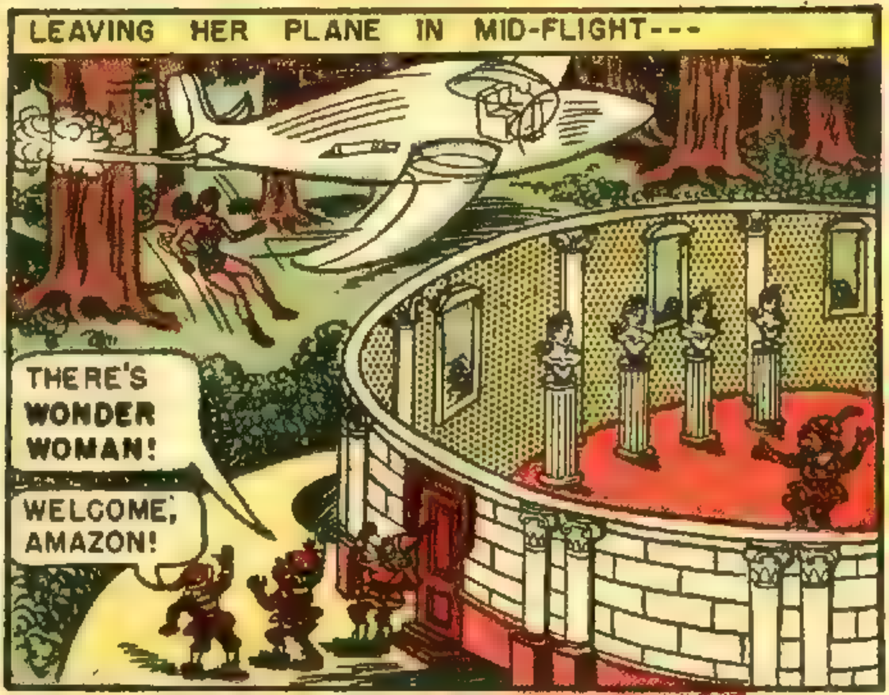
"The SECRET HALL of FAME!"

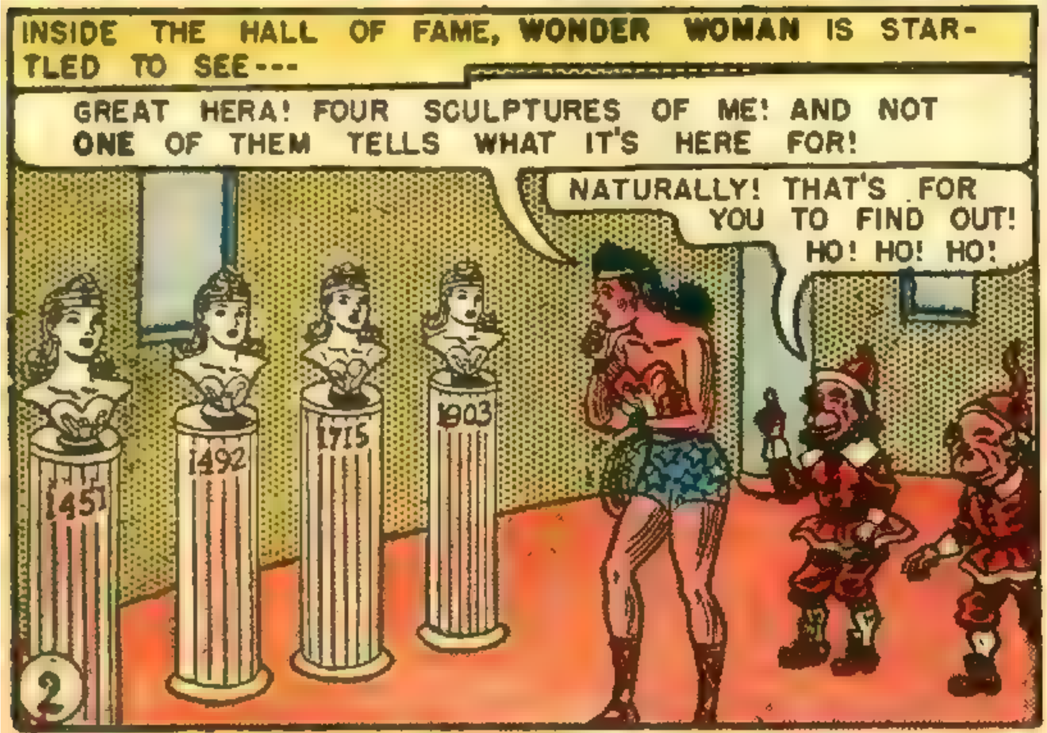

I'VE GOT TO KEEP THIS PREHISTORIC SEA BEAST FROM ATTACKING COLUMBUS' FLEET!


AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LT. DIANA PRINCE RECEIVES AN INVITATION ADDRESSED TO **WONDER WOMAN**---
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE WONDER WOMAN HALL OF FAME BUILDING AT LEPRECHAUN UNIVERSITY!


A LIGHTNING CHANGE FINDS THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN HER SECRET IDENTITY OF **WONDER WOMAN**---
ODD! THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE KNOWN OF SUCH A PROJECT!
CALLING PLANE--!


A LEAP ABOARD HER ROBOT PLANE AND THE AGILE AMAZON RACES TOWARD THE HIDDEN FOREST WHERE THE LEPRECHAUNS DWELL---
IT'S JUST LIKE THOSE MISCHIEVIOUS PRANKSTERS TO KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM ME--THE PERSON MOST CONCERNED WITH IT!


LEAVING HER PLANE IN MID-FLIGHT---
THERE'S **WONDER WOMAN!**
WELCOME, AMAZON!


INSIDE THE HALL OF FAME, **WONDER WOMAN** IS STARTLED TO SEE---
GREAT HERA! FOUR SCULPTURES OF ME! AND NOT **ONE** OF THEM TELLS WHAT IT'S HERE FOR!
NATURALLY! THAT'S FOR YOU TO FIND OUT! HO! HO! HO!
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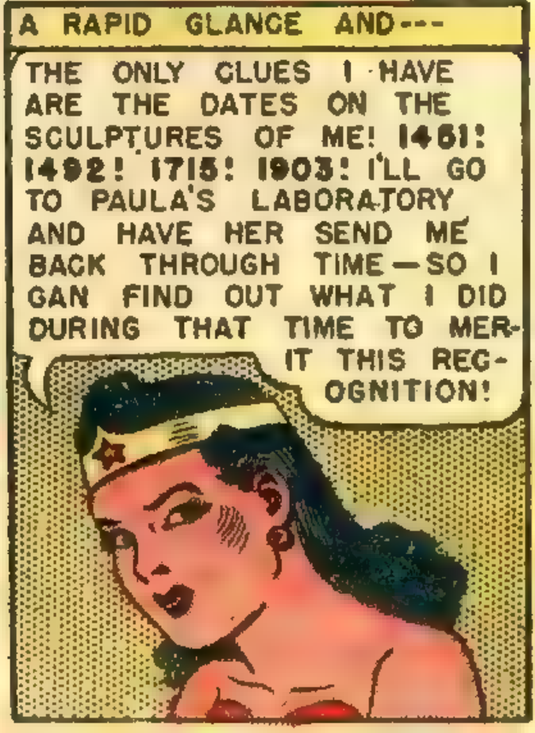
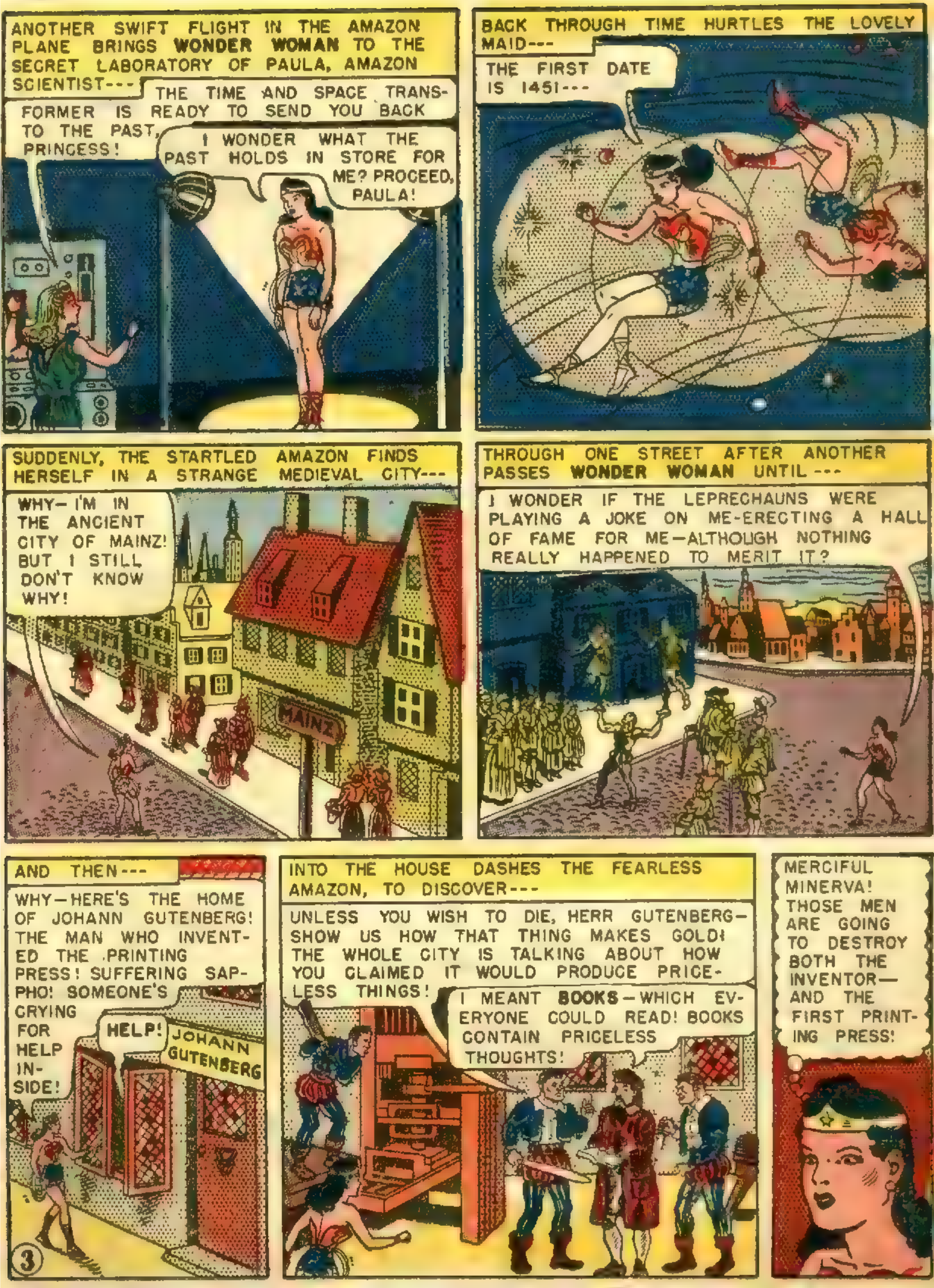
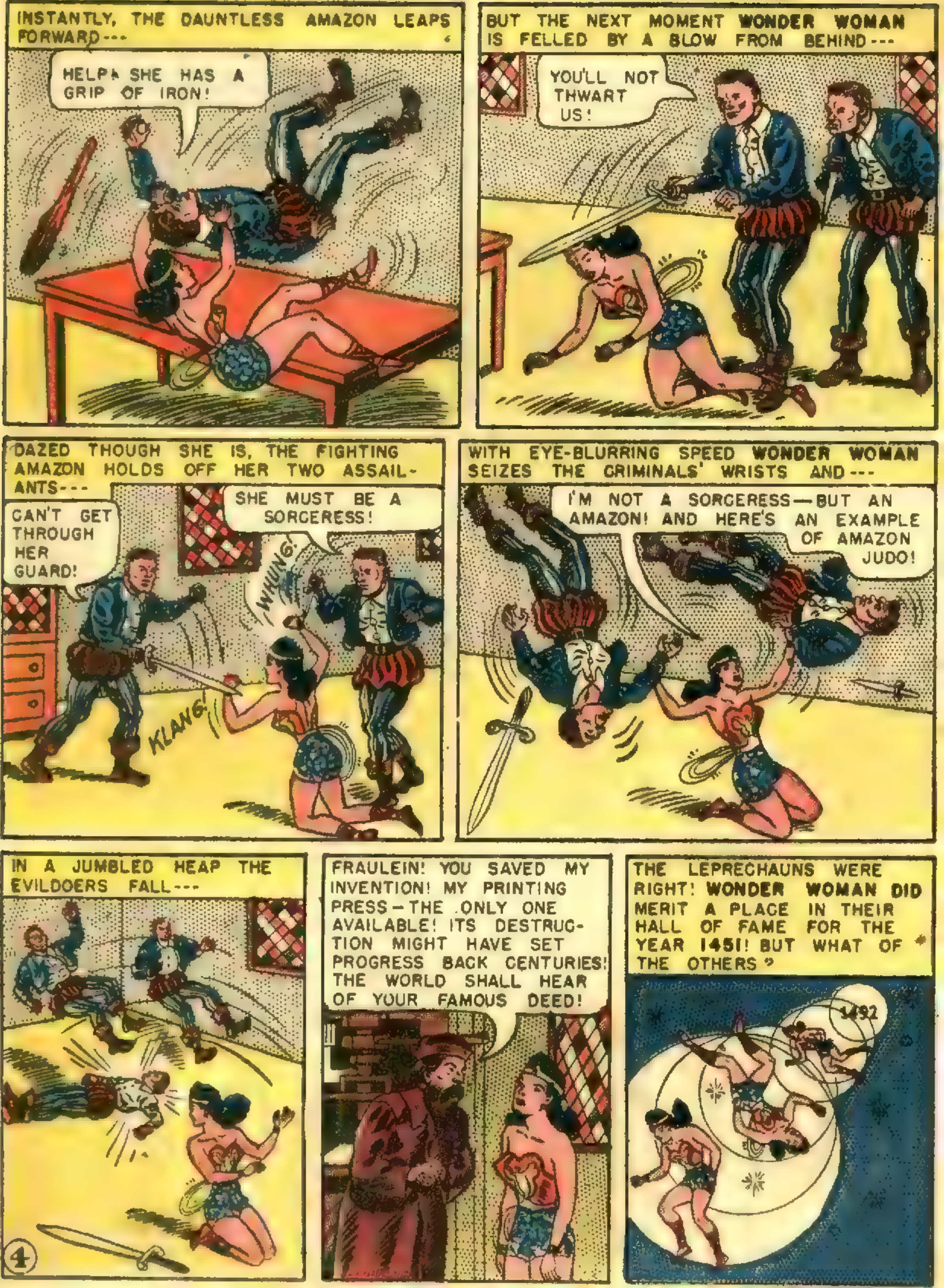
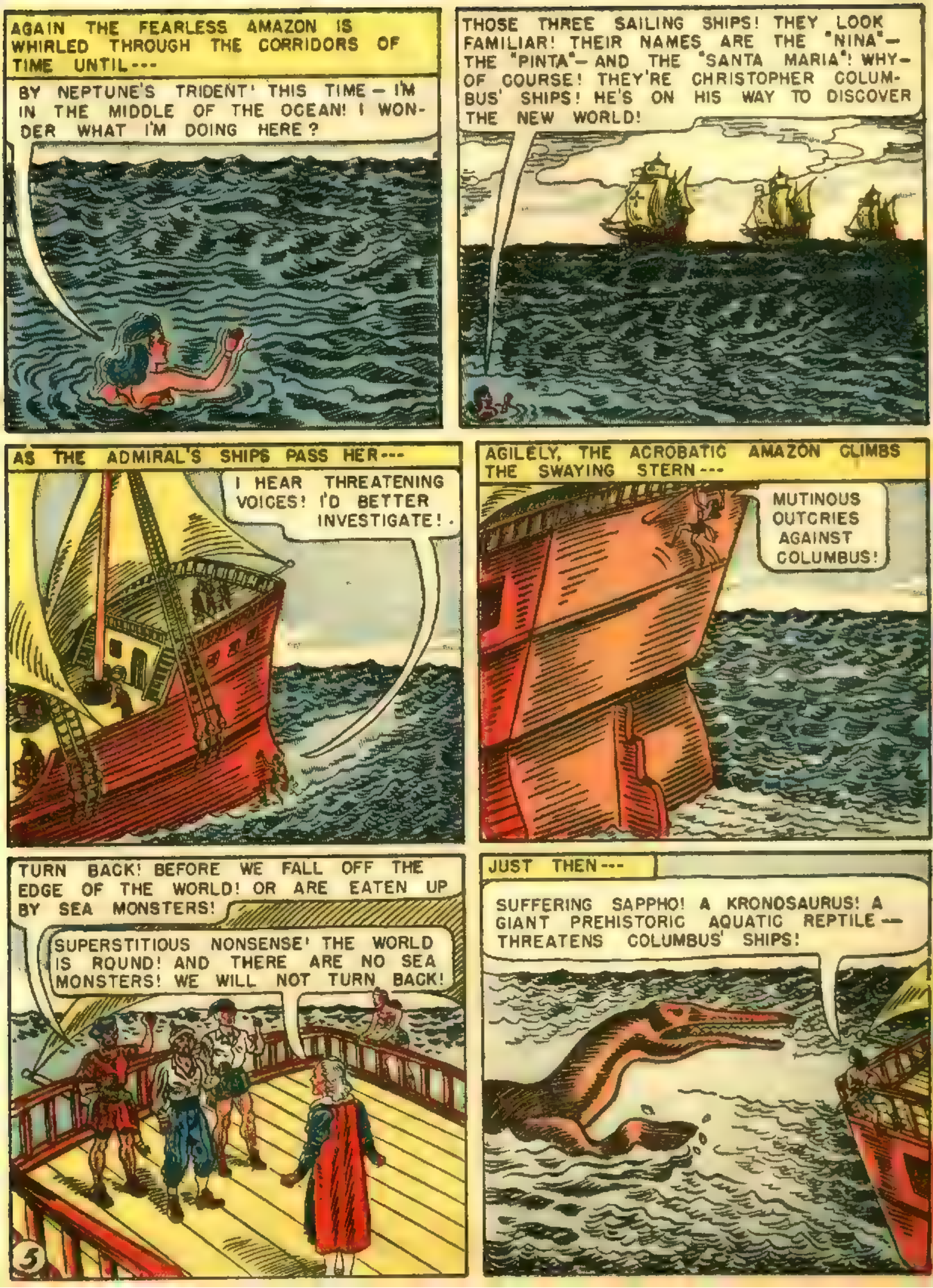
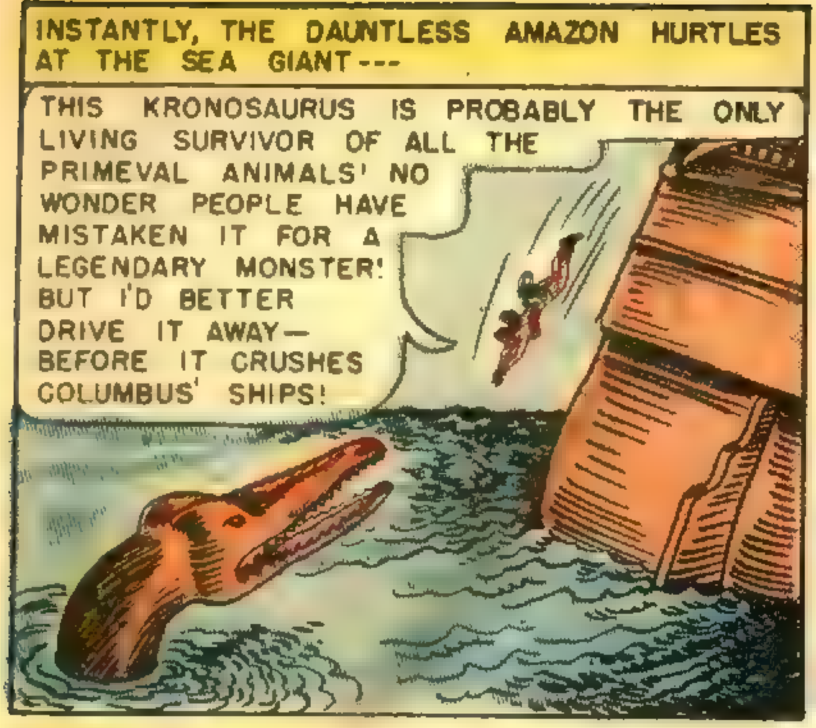
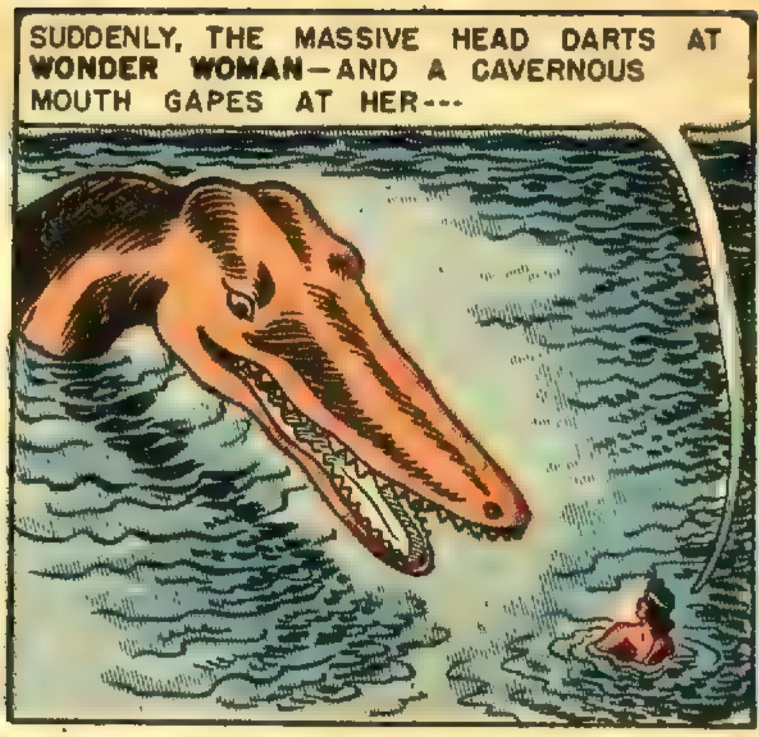

A RAPID GLANCE AND---
THE ONLY CLUES I HAVE ARE THE DATES ON THE SCULPTURES OF ME! **1461! 1492! 1715! 1903!** I'LL GO TO PAULA'S LABORATORY AND HAVE HER SEND ME BACK THROUGH TIME--SO I CAN FIND OUT WHAT I DID DURING THAT TIME TO MERIT THIS RECOGNITION!

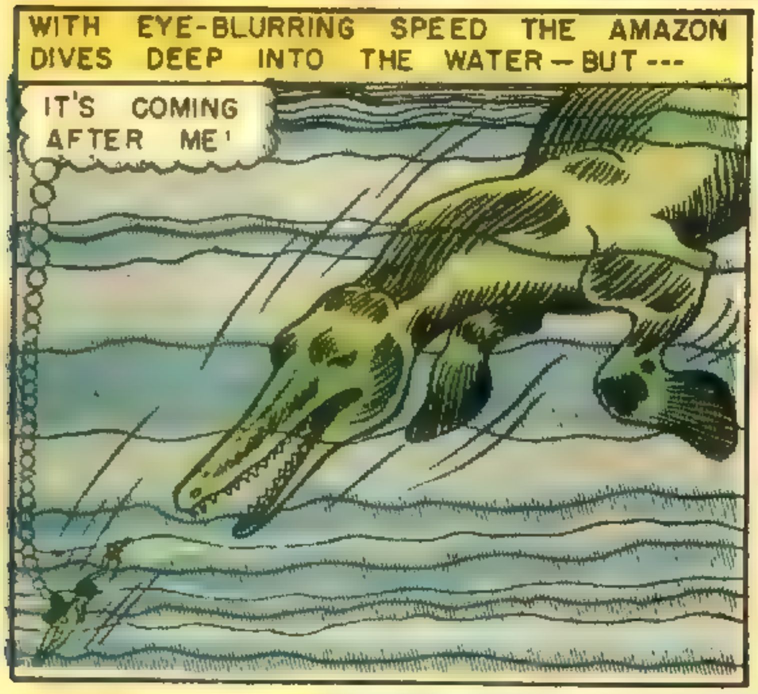

ANOTHER SWIFT FLIGHT IN THE AMAZON PLANE BRINGS **WONDER WOMAN** TO THE SECRET LABORATORY OF PAULA, AMAZON SCIENTIST---
THE TIME AND SPACE TRANSFORMER IS READY TO SEND YOU BACK TO THE PAST, PRINCESS!
I WONDER WHAT THE PAST HOLDS IN STORE FOR ME? PROCEED, PAULA!
BACK THROUGH TIME HURTLES THE LOVELY MAID---
THE FIRST DATE IS 1451---
SUDDENLY, THE STARTLED AMAZON FINDS HERSELF IN A STRANGE MEDIEVAL CITY---
WHY—I'M IN THE ANCIENT CITY OF MAINZ! BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY!
MAINZ
THROUGH ONE STREET AFTER ANOTHER PASSES **WONDER WOMAN** UNTIL ---
I WONDER IF THE LEPRECHAUNS WERE PLAYING A JOKE ON ME-ERECTING A HALL OF FAME FOR ME—ALTHOUGH NOTHING REALLY HAPPENED TO MERIT IT?
AND THEN---
WHY—HERE'S THE HOME OF JOHANN GUTENBERG! THE MAN WHO INVENTED THE PRINTING PRESS! SUFFERING SAPPHO! SOMEONE'S CRYING FOR HELP INSIDE!
HELP!
JOHANN GUTENBERG
③
INTO THE HOUSE DASHES THE FEARLESS AMAZON, TO DISCOVER---
UNLESS YOU WISH TO DIE, HERR GUTENBERG—SHOW US HOW THAT THING MAKES GOLD! THE WHOLE CITY IS TALKING ABOUT HOW YOU CLAIMED IT WOULD PRODUCE PRICELESS THINGS!
I MEANT **BOOKS**—WHICH EVERYONE COULD READ! BOOKS CONTAIN PRICELESS THOUGHTS!
MERCIFUL MINERVA! THOSE MEN ARE GOING TO DESTROY BOTH THE INVENTOR—AND THE FIRST PRINTING PRESS!

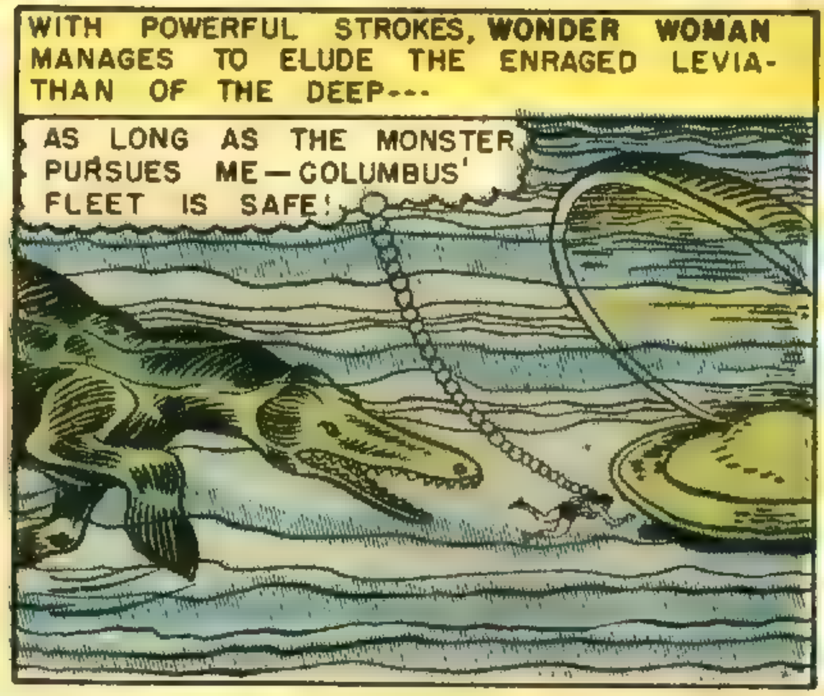

INSTANTLY, THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON LEAPS FORWARD---
HELP! SHE HAS A GRIP OF IRON!
BUT THE NEXT MOMENT **WONDER WOMAN** IS FELLED BY A BLOW FROM BEHIND---
YOU'LL NOT THWART US!
DAZED THOUGH SHE IS, THE FIGHTING AMAZON HOLDS OFF HER TWO ASSAILANTS---
CAN'T GET THROUGH HER GUARD!
SHE MUST BE A SORCERESS!
WHUNG!
KLANG!
WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED **WONDER WOMAN** SEIZES THE CRIMINALS' WRISTS AND---
I'M NOT A SORCERESS—BUT AN AMAZON! AND HERE'S AN EXAMPLE OF AMAZON JUDO!
IN A JUMBLED HEAP THE EVILDOERS FALL---
④
FRAULEIN! YOU SAVED MY INVENTION! MY PRINTING PRESS—THE ONLY ONE AVAILABLE! ITS DESTRUCTION MIGHT HAVE SET PROGRESS BACK CENTURIES! THE WORLD SHALL HEAR OF YOUR FAMOUS DEED!
THE LEPRECHAUNS WERE RIGHT! **WONDER WOMAN DID** MERIT A PLACE IN THEIR HALL OF FAME FOR THE YEAR 1451! BUT WHAT OF THE OTHERS?
1492

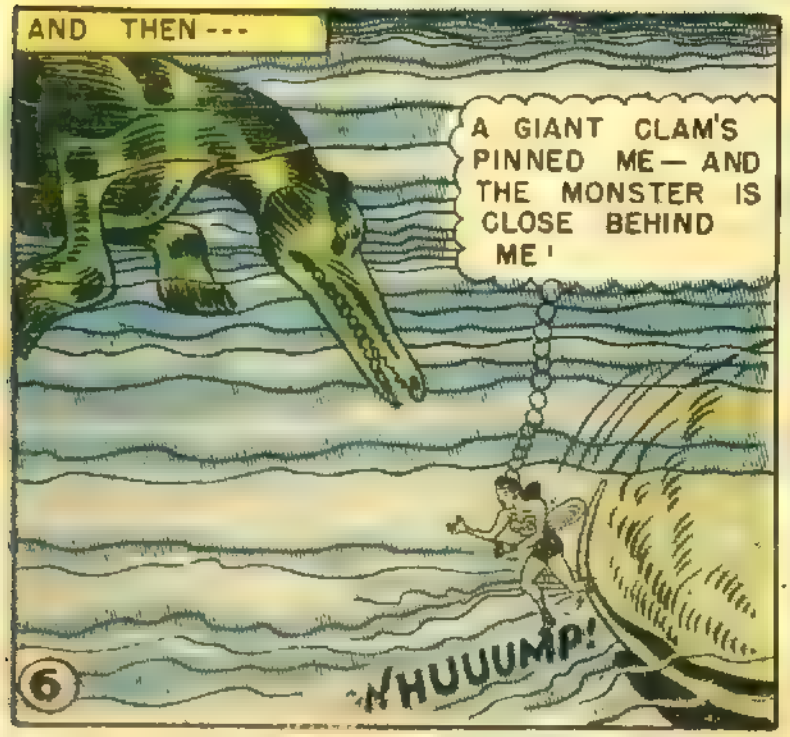

AGAIN THE FEARLESS AMAZON IS WHIRLED THROUGH THE CORRIDORS OF TIME UNTIL---
BY NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT! THIS TIME — I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN! I WONDER WHAT I'M DOING HERE?
THOSE THREE SAILING SHIPS! THEY LOOK FAMILIAR! THEIR NAMES ARE THE "NINA"— THE "PINTA"— AND THE "SANTA MARIA"! WHY— OF COURSE! THEY'RE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS' SHIPS! HE'S ON HIS WAY TO DISCOVER THE NEW WORLD!
AS THE ADMIRAL'S SHIPS PASS HER---
I HEAR THREATENING VOICES! I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE!
AGILELY, THE ACROBATIC AMAZON CLIMBS THE SWAYING STERN---
MUTINOUS OUTCRIES AGAINST COLUMBUS!
TURN BACK! BEFORE WE FALL OFF THE EDGE OF THE WORLD! OR ARE EATEN UP BY SEA MONSTERS!
SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE! THE WORLD IS ROUND! AND THERE ARE NO SEA MONSTERS! WE WILL NOT TURN BACK!
JUST THEN---
SUFFERING SAPPHO! A KRONOSAURUS! A GIANT PREHISTORIC AQUATIC REPTILE — THREATENS COLUMBUS' SHIPS!

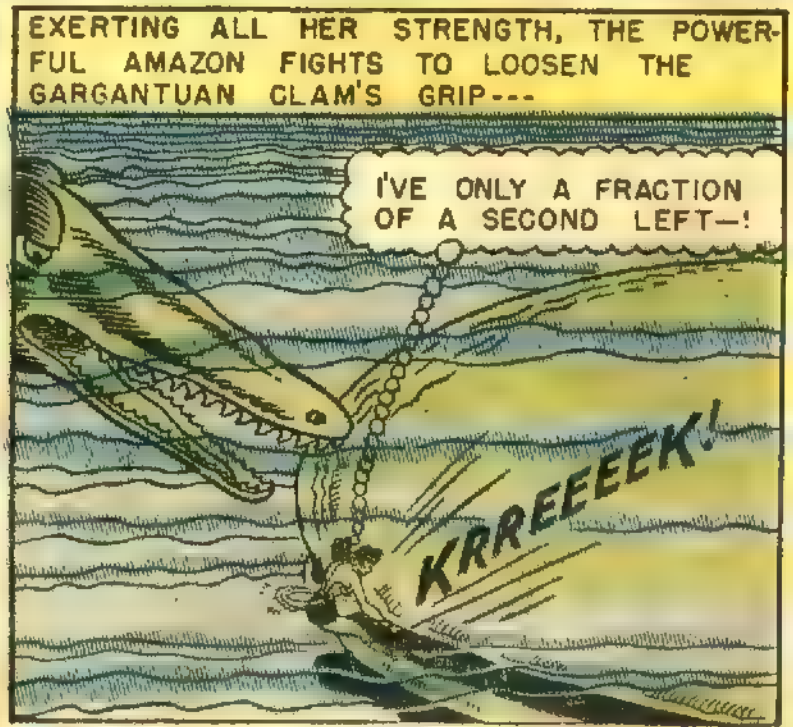

INSTANTLY, THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON HURTLES AT THE SEA GIANT---
THIS KRONOSAURUS IS PROBABLY THE ONLY LIVING SURVIVOR OF ALL THE PRIMEVAL ANIMALS! NO WONDER PEOPLE HAVE MISTAKEN IT FOR A LEGENDARY MONSTER! BUT I'D BETTER DRIVE IT AWAY— BEFORE IT CRUSHES COLUMBUS' SHIPS!

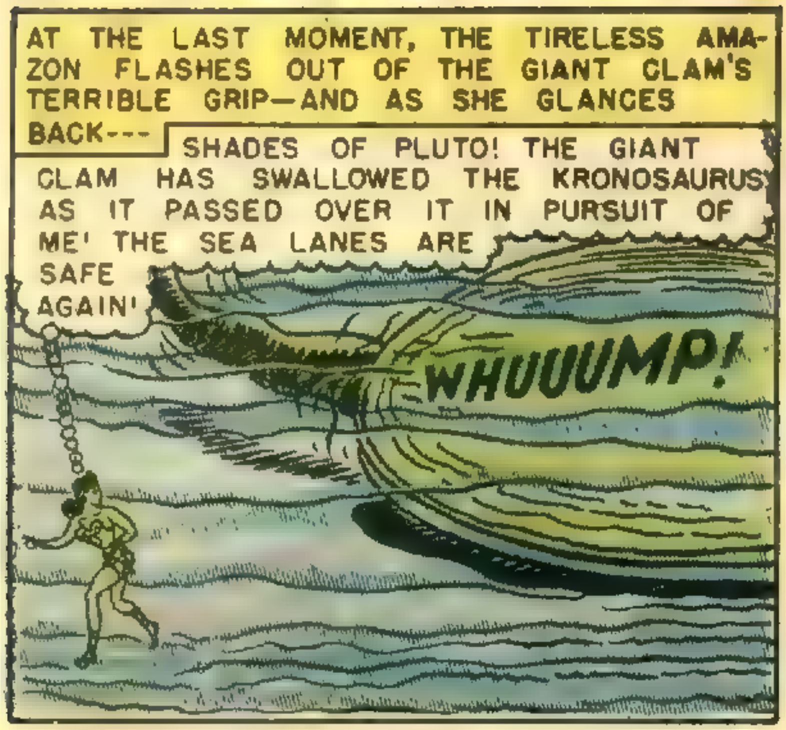

SUDDENLY, THE MASSIVE HEAD DARTS AT WONDER WOMAN—AND A CAVERNOUS MOUTH GAPES AT HER---

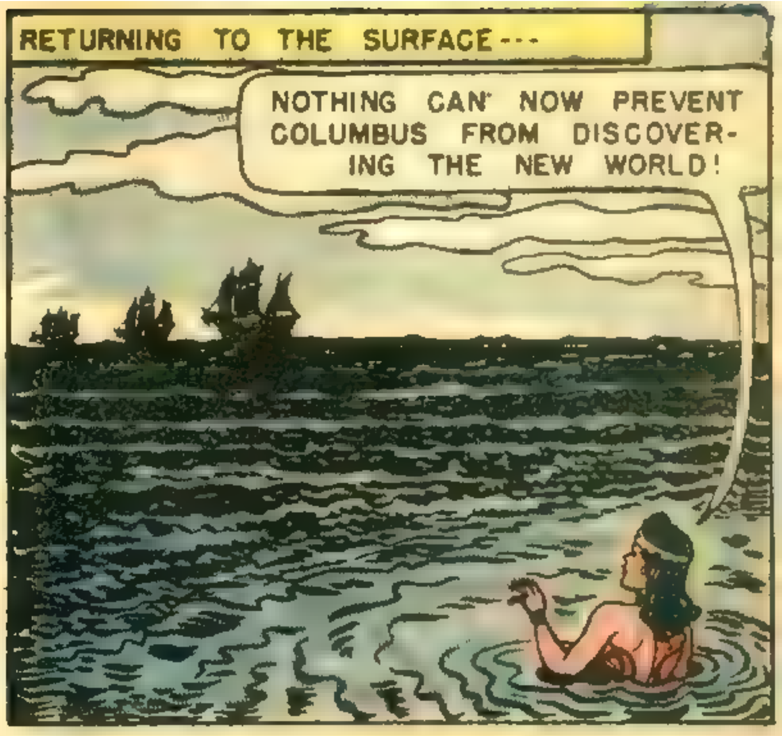

WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED THE AMAZON DIVES DEEP INTO THE WATER—BUT---
IT'S COMING AFTER ME!

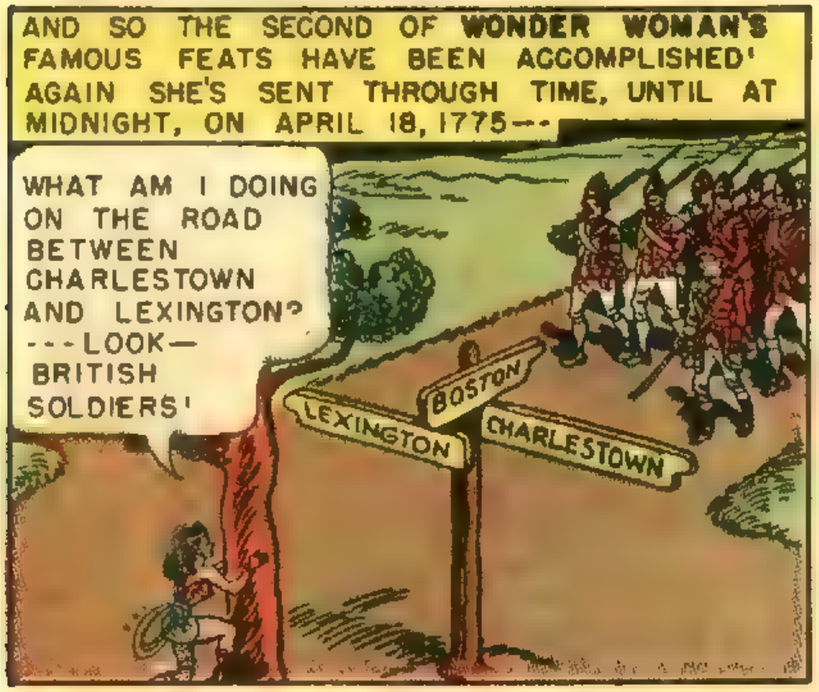

WITH POWERFUL STROKES, WONDER WOMAN MANAGES TO ELUDE THE ENRAGED LEVIATHAN OF THE DEEP---
AS LONG AS THE MONSTER PURSUES ME—COLUMBUS' FLEET IS SAFE!

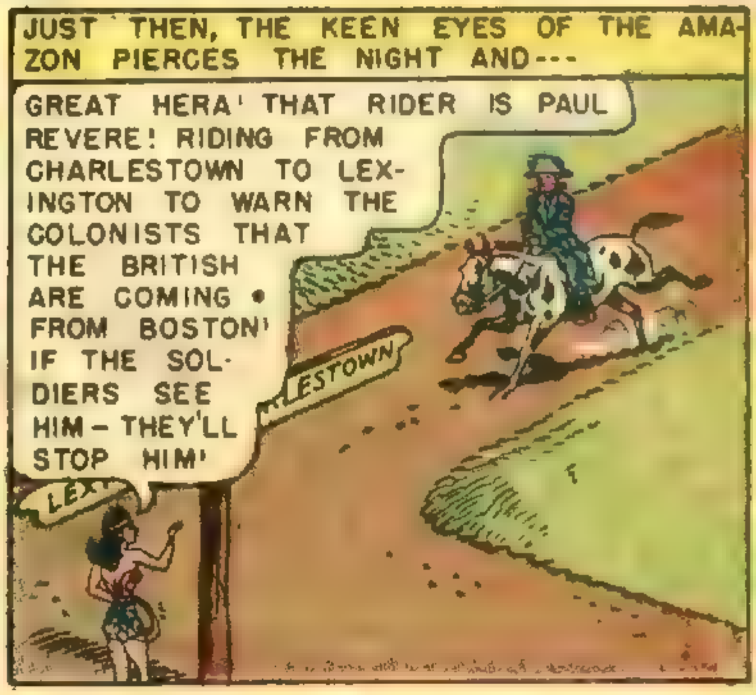

AND THEN---
A GIANT CLAM'S PINNED ME— AND THE MONSTER IS CLOSE BEHIND ME!
WHUUUMP!

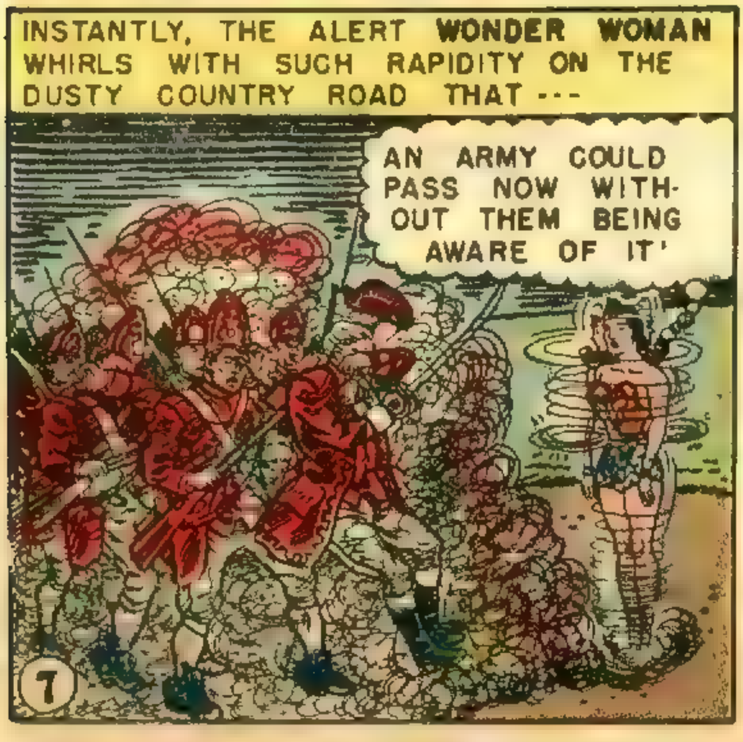

EXERTING ALL HER STRENGTH, THE POWERFUL AMAZON FIGHTS TO LOOSEN THE GARGANTUAN CLAM'S GRIP---
I'VE ONLY A FRACTION OF A SECOND LEFT—!
KRREEEEK!

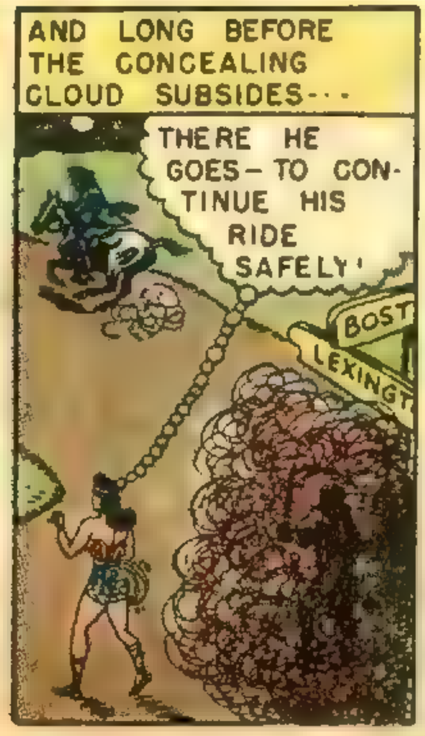

AT THE LAST MOMENT, THE TIRELESS AMAZON FLASHES OUT OF THE GIANT CLAM'S TERRIBLE GRIP—AND AS SHE GLANCES BACK---
SHADES OF PLUTO! THE GIANT CLAM HAS SWALLOWED THE KRONOSAURUS AS IT PASSED OVER IT IN PURSUIT OF ME! THE SEA LANES ARE SAFE AGAIN!
WHUUUMP!


RETURNING TO THE SURFACE---
NOTHING CAN NOW PREVENT COLUMBUS FROM DISCOVERING THE NEW WORLD!


AND SO THE SECOND OF WONDER WOMAN'S FAMOUS FEATS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED! AGAIN SHE'S SENT THROUGH TIME, UNTIL AT MIDNIGHT, ON APRIL 18, 1775---
WHAT AM I DOING ON THE ROAD BETWEEN CHARLESTOWN AND LEXINGTON? ---LOOK—BRITISH SOLDIERS!
LEXINGTON
BOSTON
CHARLESTOWN


JUST THEN, THE KEEN EYES OF THE AMAZON PIERCES THE NIGHT AND---
GREAT HERA! THAT RIDER IS PAUL REVERE! RIDING FROM CHARLESTOWN TO LEXINGTON TO WARN THE COLONISTS THAT THE BRITISH ARE COMING • FROM BOSTON! IF THE SOLDIERS SEE HIM—THEY'LL STOP HIM!
LESTOWN
LEX


INSTANTLY, THE ALERT WONDER WOMAN WHIRLS WITH SUCH RAPIDITY ON THE DUSTY COUNTRY ROAD THAT---
AN ARMY COULD PASS NOW WITHOUT THEM BEING AWARE OF IT!


AND LONG BEFORE THE CONCEALING CLOUD SUBSIDES---
THERE HE GOES—TO CONTINUE HIS RIDE SAFELY!
BOST
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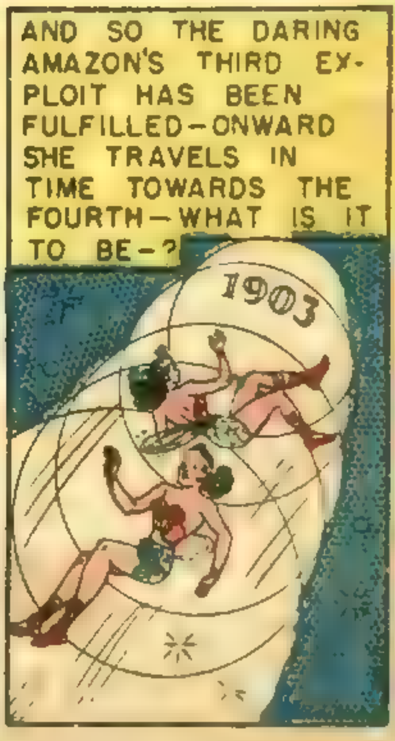
AND SO THE DARING AMAZON'S THIRD EXPLOIT HAS BEEN FULFILLED—ONWARD SHE TRAVELS IN TIME TOWARDS THE FOURTH—WHAT IS IT TO BE—?
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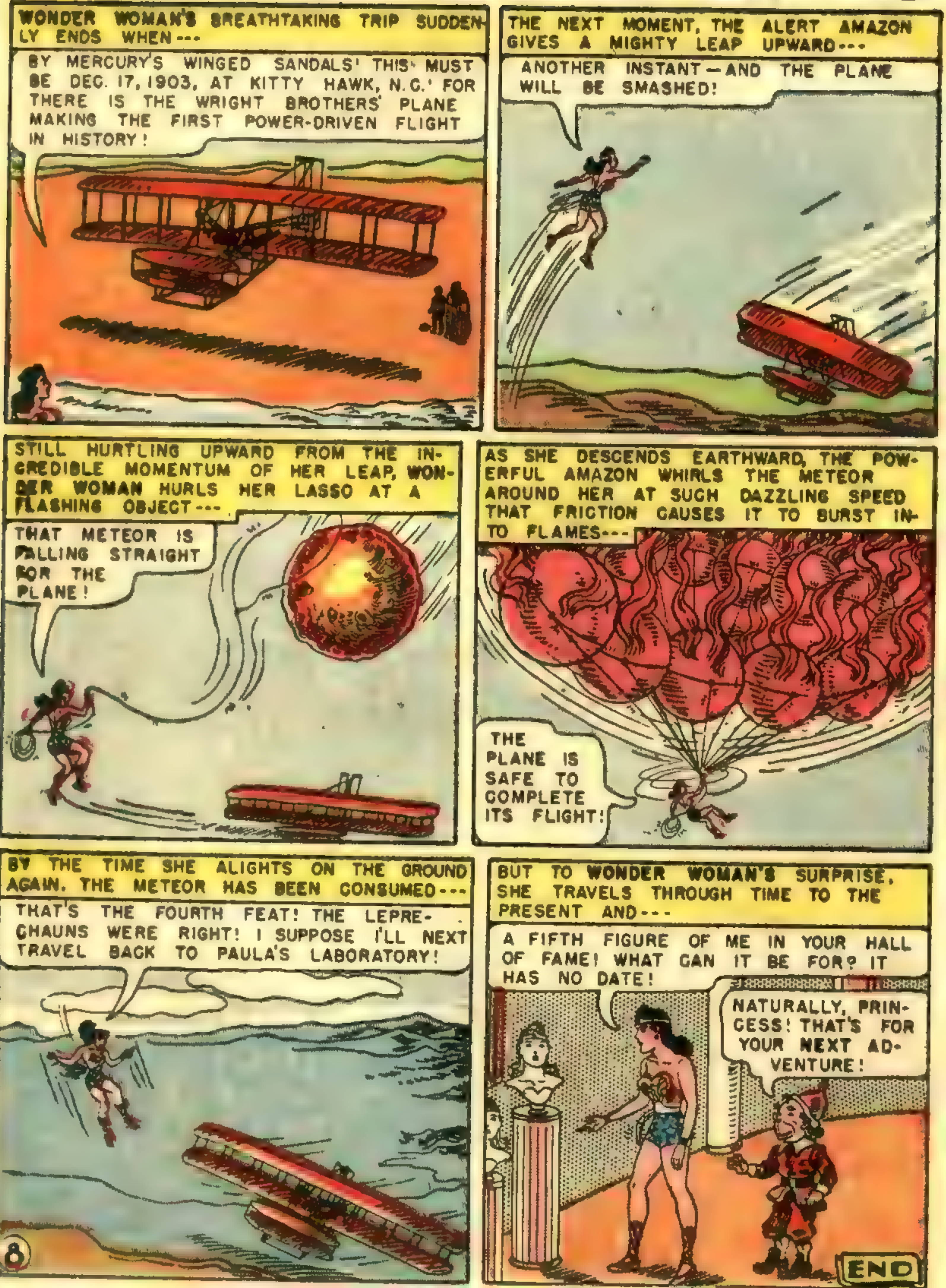
WONDER WOMAN'S BREATHTAKING TRIP SUDDENLY ENDS WHEN---
BY MERCURY'S WINGED SANDALS! THIS MUST BE DEC. 17, 1903, AT KITTY HAWK, N.C.! FOR THERE IS THE WRIGHT BROTHERS' PLANE MAKING THE FIRST POWER-DRIVEN FLIGHT IN HISTORY!
THE NEXT MOMENT, THE ALERT AMAZON GIVES A MIGHTY LEAP UPWARD---
ANOTHER INSTANT—AND THE PLANE WILL BE SMASHED!
STILL HURTLING UPWARD FROM THE INCREDIBLE MOMENTUM OF HER LEAP, WONDER WOMAN HURLS HER LASSO AT A FLASHING OBJECT---
THAT METEOR IS FALLING STRAIGHT FOR THE PLANE!
AS SHE DESCENDS EARTHWARD, THE POWERFUL AMAZON WHIRLS THE METEOR AROUND HER AT SUCH DAZZLING SPEED THAT FRICTION CAUSES IT TO BURST INTO FLAMES---
THE PLANE IS SAFE TO COMPLETE ITS FLIGHT!
BY THE TIME SHE ALIGHTS ON THE GROUND AGAIN, THE METEOR HAS BEEN CONSUMED---
THAT'S THE FOURTH FEAT! THE LEPRECHAUNS WERE RIGHT! I SUPPOSE I'LL NEXT TRAVEL BACK TO PAULA'S LABORATORY!
BUT TO WONDER WOMAN'S SURPRISE, SHE TRAVELS THROUGH TIME TO THE PRESENT AND---
A FIFTH FIGURE OF ME IN YOUR HALL OF FAME! WHAT CAN IT BE FOR? IT HAS NO DATE!
NATURALLY, PRINCESS! THAT'S FOR YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!
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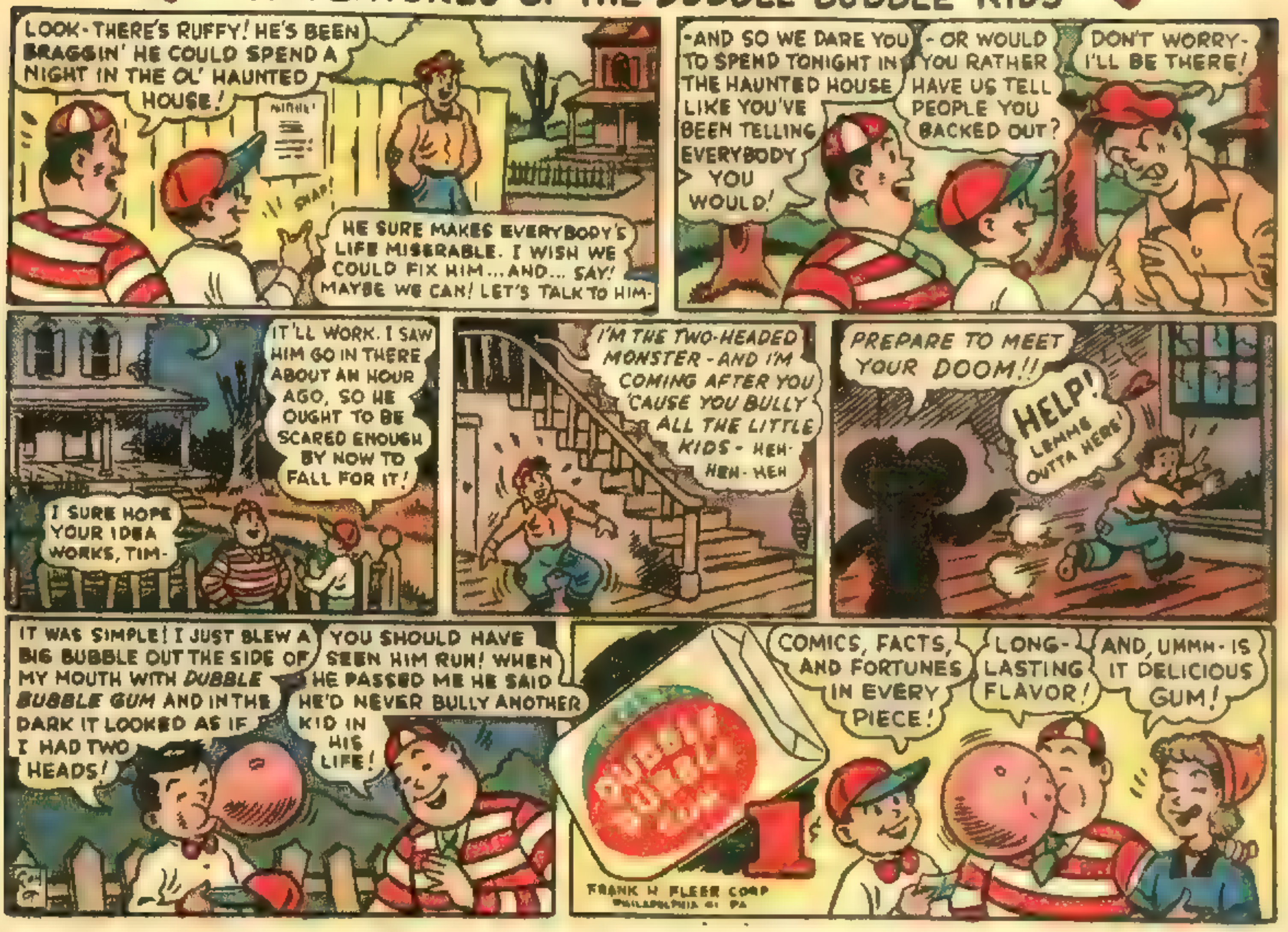
ADVENTURES OF THE DUBBLE BUBBLE KIDS


LOOK- THERE'S RUFFY! HE'S BEEN BRAGGIN' HE COULD SPEND A NIGHT IN THE OL' HAUNTED HOUSE!
NOTICE
SNAP!
HE SURE MAKES EVERYBODY'S LIFE MISERABLE. I WISH WE COULD FIX HIM... AND... SAY! MAYBE WE CAN! LET'S TALK TO HIM-
-AND SO WE DARE YOU TO SPEND TONIGHT IN THE HAUNTED HOUSE LIKE YOU'VE BEEN TELLING EVERYBODY YOU WOULD!
- OR WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE US TELL PEOPLE YOU BACKED OUT?
DON'T WORRY- I'LL BE THERE!
IT'LL WORK. I SAW HIM GO IN THERE ABOUT AN HOUR AGO, SO HE OUGHT TO BE SCARED ENOUGH BY NOW TO FALL FOR IT!
I SURE HOPE YOUR IDEA WORKS, TIM-
I'M THE TWO-HEADED MONSTER - AND I'M COMING AFTER YOU 'CAUSE YOU BULLY ALL THE LITTLE KIDS - HEH-HEH-HEH
PREPARE TO MEET YOUR DOOM!!
HELP! LEMME OUTTA HERE!
IT WAS SIMPLE! I JUST BLEW A BIG BUBBLE OUT THE SIDE OF MY MOUTH WITH DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM AND IN THE DARK IT LOOKED AS IF I HAD TWO HEADS!
YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HIM RUN! WHEN HE PASSED ME HE SAID HE'D NEVER BULLY ANOTHER KID IN HIS LIFE!
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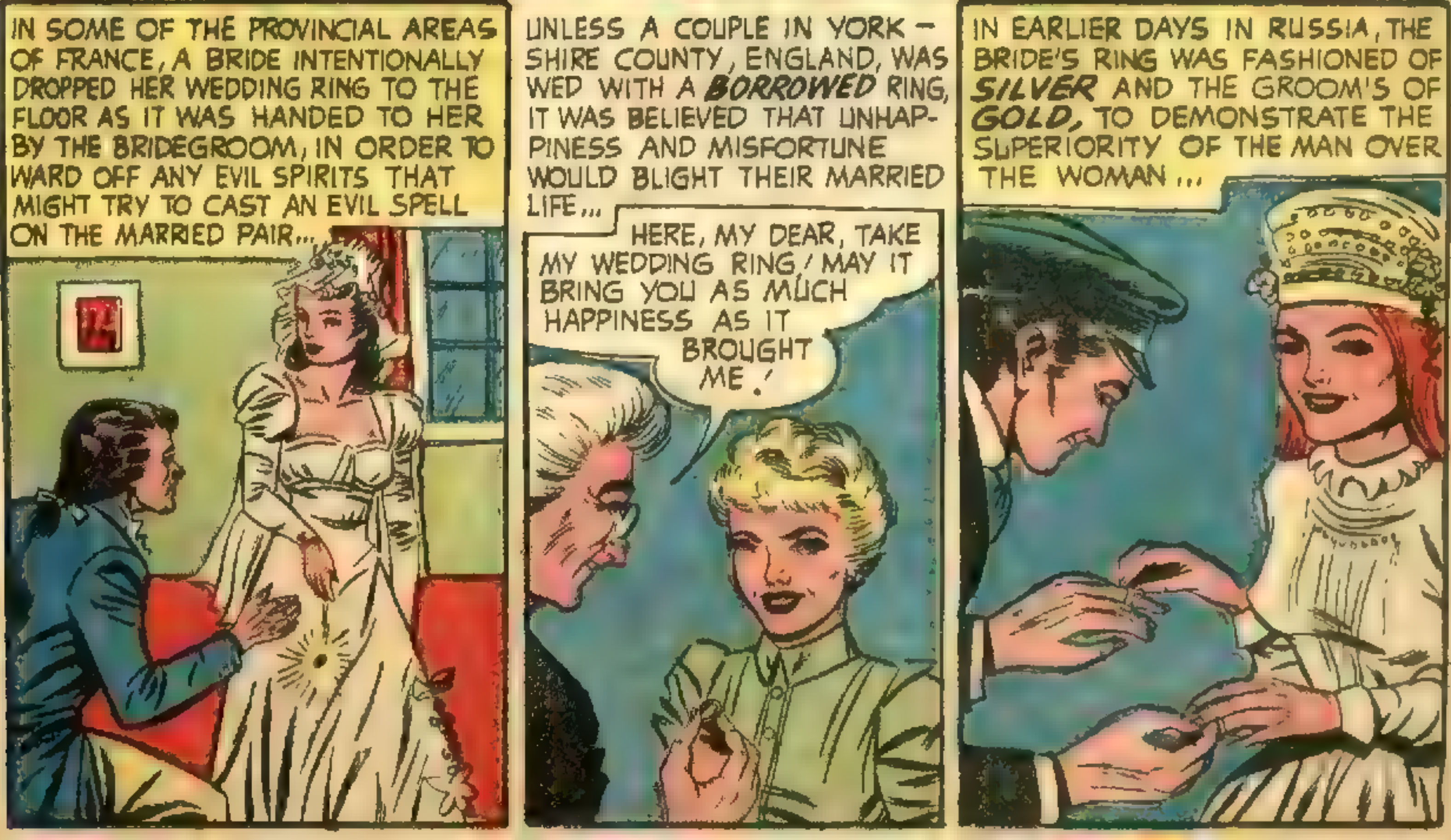
WEDDING RINGS!



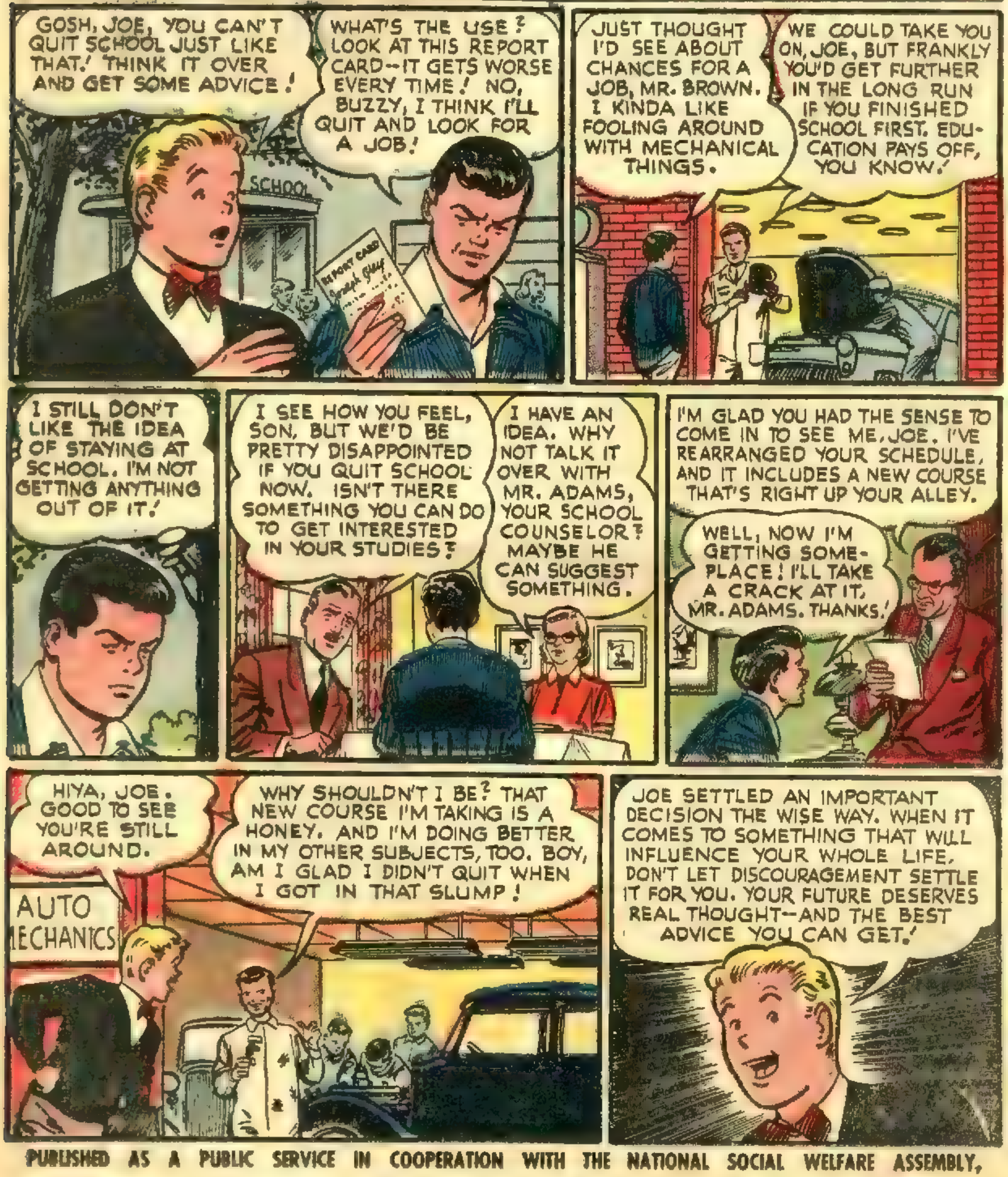
IN SOME OF THE PROVINCIAL AREAS OF FRANCE, A BRIDE INTENTIONALLY DROPPED HER WEDDING RING TO THE FLOOR AS IT WAS HANDED TO HER BY THE BRIDEGROOM, IN ORDER TO WARD OFF ANY EVIL SPIRITS THAT MIGHT TRY TO CAST AN EVIL SPELL ON THE MARRIED PAIR...

UNLESS A COUPLE IN YORKSHIRE COUNTY, ENGLAND, WAS WED WITH A ***BORROWED*** RING, IT WAS BELIEVED THAT UNHAPPINESS AND MISFORTUNE WOULD BLIGHT THEIR MARRIED LIFE...

HERE, MY DEAR, TAKE MY WEDDING RING! MAY IT BRING YOU AS MUCH HAPPINESS AS IT BROUGHT ME!

IN EARLIER DAYS IN RUSSIA, THE BRIDE'S RING WAS FASHIONED OF ***SILVER*** AND THE GROOM'S OF ***GOLD,*** TO DEMONSTRATE THE SUPERIORITY OF THE MAN OVER THE WOMAN...

BUZZY has the answer to "SCHOOL BLUES!"


GOSH, JOE, YOU CAN'T QUIT SCHOOL JUST LIKE THAT! THINK IT OVER AND GET SOME ADVICE!
WHAT'S THE USE? LOOK AT THIS REPORT CARD--IT GETS WORSE EVERY TIME! NO, BUZZY, I THINK I'LL QUIT AND LOOK FOR A JOB!
SCHOOL
REPORT CARD
JUST THOUGHT I'D SEE ABOUT CHANCES FOR A JOB, MR. BROWN. I KINDA LIKE FOOLING AROUND WITH MECHANICAL THINGS.
WE COULD TAKE YOU ON, JOE, BUT FRANKLY YOU'D GET FURTHER IN THE LONG RUN IF YOU FINISHED SCHOOL FIRST. EDUCATION PAYS OFF, YOU KNOW!
I STILL DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF STAYING AT SCHOOL. I'M NOT GETTING ANYTHING OUT OF IT!
I SEE HOW YOU FEEL, SON, BUT WE'D BE PRETTY DISAPPOINTED IF YOU QUIT SCHOOL NOW. ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO GET INTERESTED IN YOUR STUDIES?
I HAVE AN IDEA. WHY NOT TALK IT OVER WITH MR. ADAMS, YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR? MAYBE HE CAN SUGGEST SOMETHING.
I'M GLAD YOU HAD THE SENSE TO COME IN TO SEE ME, JOE. I'VE REARRANGED YOUR SCHEDULE, AND IT INCLUDES A NEW COURSE THAT'S RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY.
WELL, NOW I'M GETTING SOMEPLACE! I'LL TAKE A CRACK AT IT, MR. ADAMS. THANKS!
HIYA, JOE. GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE STILL AROUND.
WHY SHOULDN'T I BE? THAT NEW COURSE I'M TAKING IS A HONEY. AND I'M DOING BETTER IN MY OTHER SUBJECTS, TOO. BOY, AM I GLAD I DIDN'T QUIT WHEN I GOT IN THAT SLUMP!
AUTO
ECHANICS
JOE SETTLED AN IMPORTANT DECISION THE WISE WAY. WHEN IT COMES TO SOMETHING THAT WILL INFLUENCE YOUR WHOLE LIFE, DON'T LET DISCOURAGEMENT SETTLE IT FOR YOU. YOUR FUTURE DESERVES REAL THOUGHT--AND THE BEST ADVICE YOU CAN GET!

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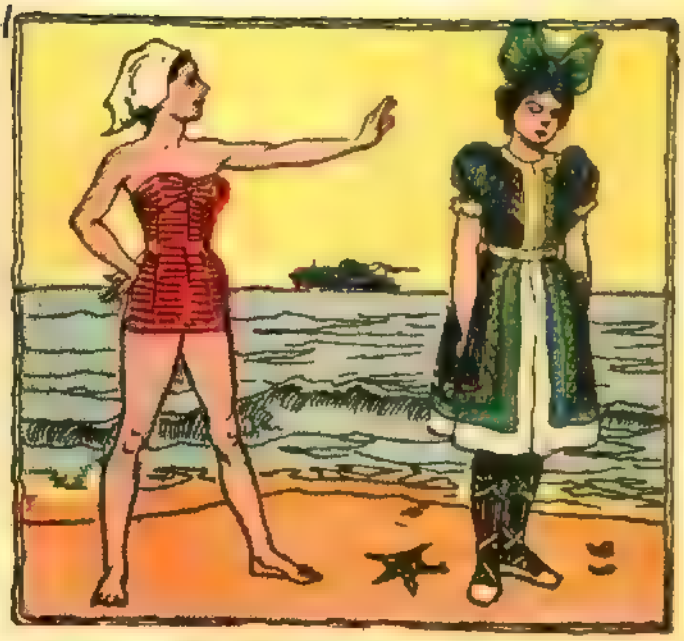
WOMEN *in* SPORT



BEFORE the Civil War, it wasn't considered "proper" for women to exercise. A well-brought up girl was taught never to engage in any kind of fatiguing activity in public, not even to run. And as far as taking part in any sport, this was unheard of.

During this era, the nation was becoming sport conscious. There were bowling, horse racing, foot racing, and boxing—but these sports were strictly for men. Thus, not only were women not permitted to engage in sports, they were not even allowed to be spectators.

On the beaches, a girl sat primly on a beach chair, while her male companion frolicked in the surf. Every once in a while she let out a squeal of delight as her escort dived headlong into a breaking wave. Beyond this, she did not venture from beneath the beach umbrella.

It was a game imported from England in the late '60's, croquet, which enabled ladies to make their first inroads into the world of sports. Croquet was considered a perfectly proper and respectable sport for women.

The acceptability of croquet for women was due to two possible reasons. Firstly, England was looked upon as the last word in respectability, and what was proper enough for English ladies was proper enough for their American cousins. Secondly, croquet, played with a mallet and large wooden balls, required very little activity or exercise. Played on a spacious garden lawn, the female participants could rest between plays, and partake of lemonade or punch.

But when one manufacturer began making wickets with candle sockets so that croquet could be played in the evening, the news was received with shocked embarrassment. Only the most daring ladies ever accepted the challenge of playing evening croquet.

As it was pointed out in a previous article, the bicycle was the biggest single instrument to turn the American woman into an athlete. In the beginning, no girl would actually mount a bicycle, but chose instead the safer tricycle.

The bicycle's chief importance as a means of introducing girls into the sports arena, was in its forcing them to wear more practical and less burdensome clothing. With the gradual disappearance of the long skirts with the lead-weighted hems, girls became accustomed to being seen in public wearing split skirts, knickerbockers, and even bloomers.

But by this time, girls had already taken up the sport of archery. Ice skating followed, but ladies were cautioned against engaging in the rink sport without a male escort. It would have been deemed disgraceful if a young lady should lose her footing and fall on the ice. Thus, lady skaters were advised to hang onto the coattails of their escorts. Not only would this decrease the risk of an undignified tumble, but it would permit them to enjoy "the pleasure without incurring any of the fatigue of the sport."

In 1874 another English sport was imported that was destined to find far greater favor among American sportswomen than croquet. It all began when a Miss Mary Ewing Outerbridge arrived from Bermuda at the Staten Island Cricket and Baseball Club.

Before startled directors of the club she unpacked strange-looking equipment, including a net, rackets, and canvas balls. The directors at first shook their heads in grave doubt, but the charming Miss Outerbridge finally overcame their objections and talked them into permitting her to set up the net and line out the chalk lines. Here the game of tennis got its start in America.

At the time, and even in England where the sport was already very popular, it was a slow-moving game. There were no smashes, backhand drives, or overhand strokes. The simple idea was to return the ball, and this was done in as leisurely a way as possible. The entrance of the ladies into the sport slowed the game even more.

For girls played the game in bustled dresses which swept the lawn. In gently overtaking a ball, she gathered up the folds of her billowing dress with one hand, and gently swung her racket with the other. If the ball got by her, as it did most of the time, it was not considered proper to let her chase the ball. No, indeed—in such a case, her gentleman opponent hopped over the net and ran after the ball for her.

Tennis might have died of boredom and inactivity if the bicycle craze hadn't come along in 10 years, freeing the ladies from their bustles and billowing skirts. Once girls wore more fitting tennis costumes, the game was speeded up. And today, girls hold up their end of the game in mixed matches, and prove the equal of male players in this hard-hitting game.

The colleges played a large part in bringing women to sports. In the early 1900's, Chancellor Canfield at the University of Nebraska pioneered in introducing competitive athletics for women. You can imagine the abusive criticism hurled at the chancellor when he permitted female students to engage in pole vaulting, hurdling, and putting the shot.

At Vassar, Matthew Vassar provided bowling, tennis and calisthenics for his girls. In 1896 all-girl college basketball teams were formed. At this point it was obvious to everyone that girls were in sports to stay.

Today, the sportswoman is universally accepted in the same spirit as the sportsman. In golf, tennis, skiing, swimming, there are almost as many famous females as there are males. Such expert sportswomen as Glenna Collett, Helen Wills and Mildred "Babe" Didrikson are as well known as their male counterparts.

There is a professional women's softball league whose gate receipts sometimes exceed big league baseball games.

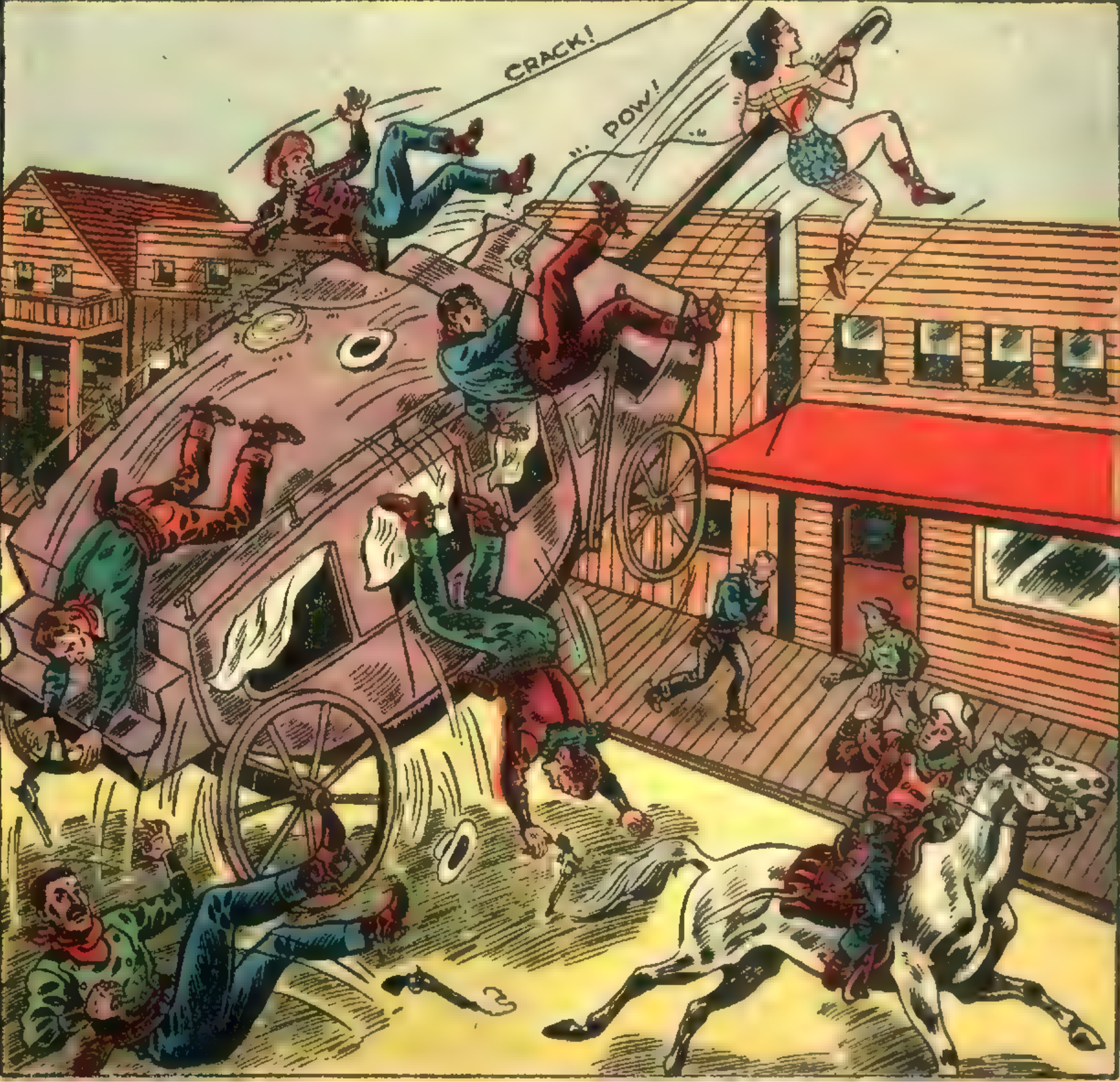
The modern female athlete asks no quarter, and gives none. She doesn't demand nor expect special favors for being a woman. In tennis, golf, swimming and other sports, the modern woman athlete has proven herself to be the equal of sportsmen everywhere.

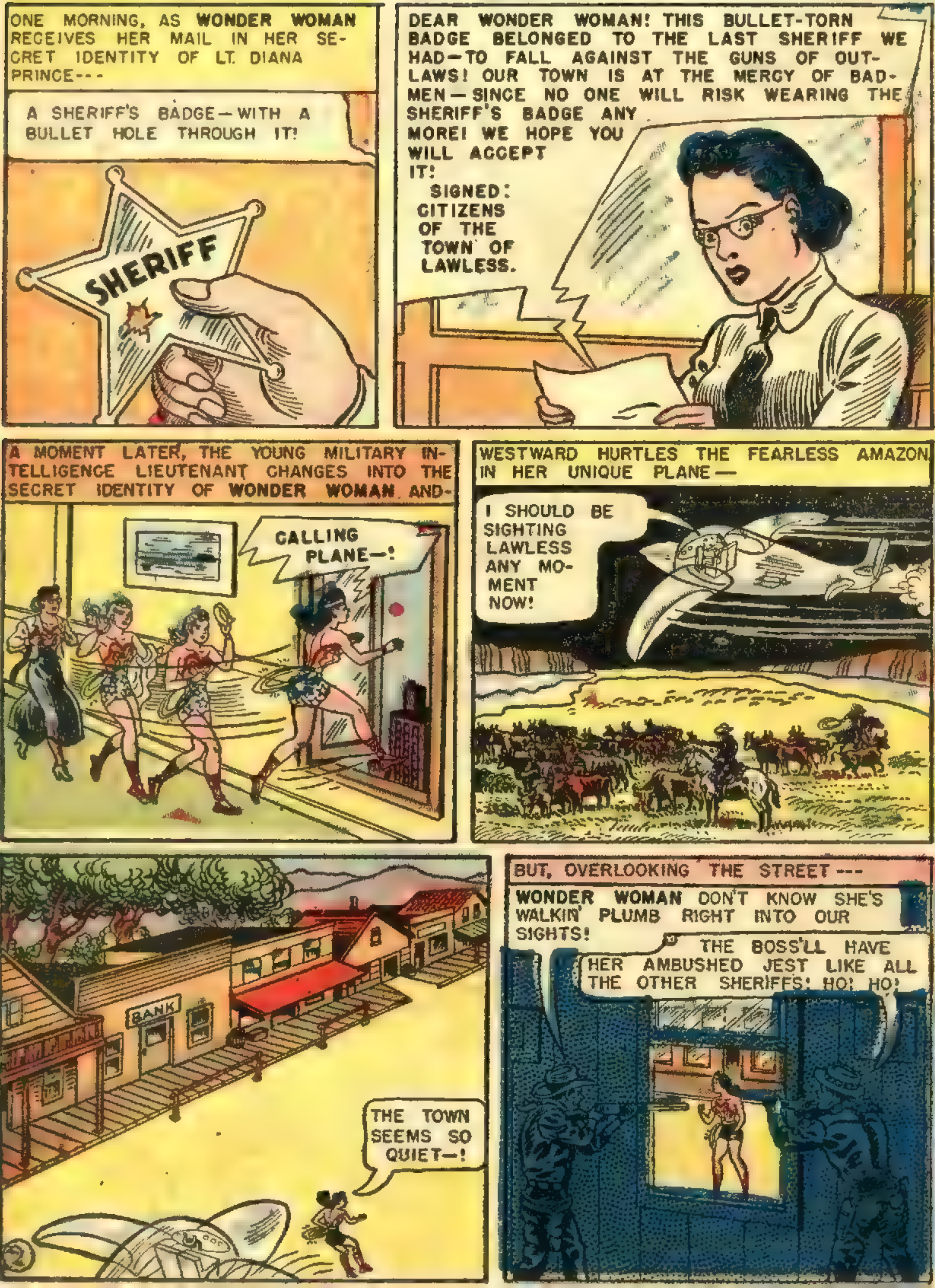
Wonder Woman

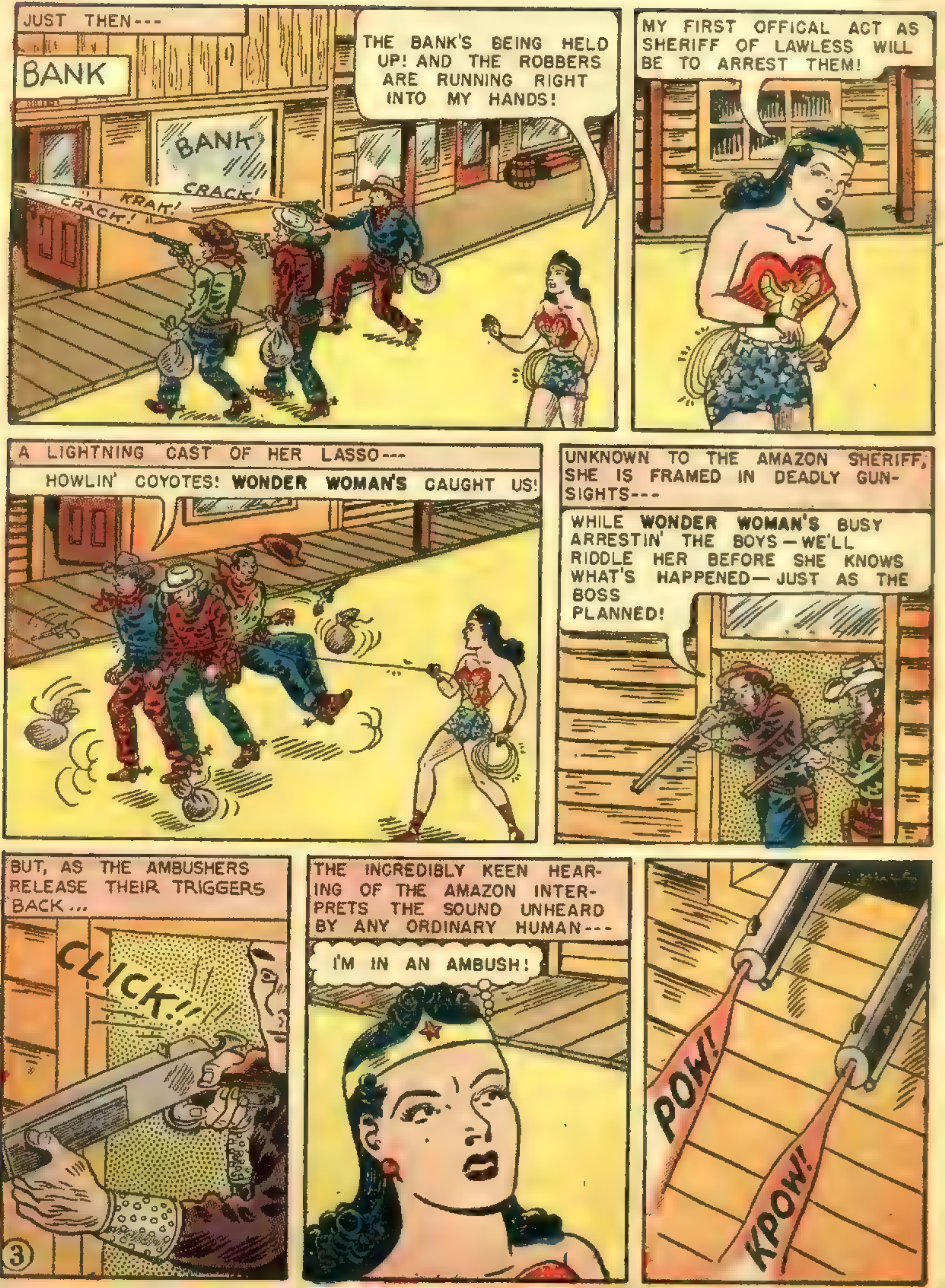
By CHARLES MOULTON

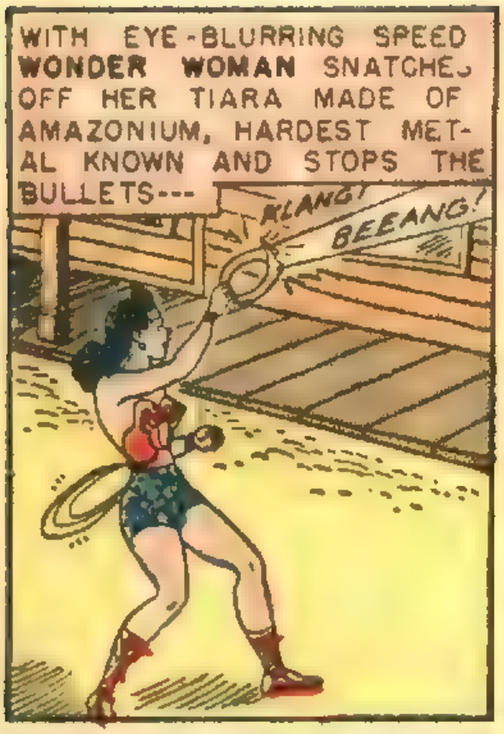
NO LAW OFFICER BEFORE **WONDER WOMAN**—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—HAD EVER WORN THIS BADGE—AND LIVED! BUT THE LOVELY AMAZON PRINCESS ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE OF THE BULLET-TORN BADGE AND WALKS THE PERILOUS STREETS OF THE TOWN OF LAWLESS AS ------

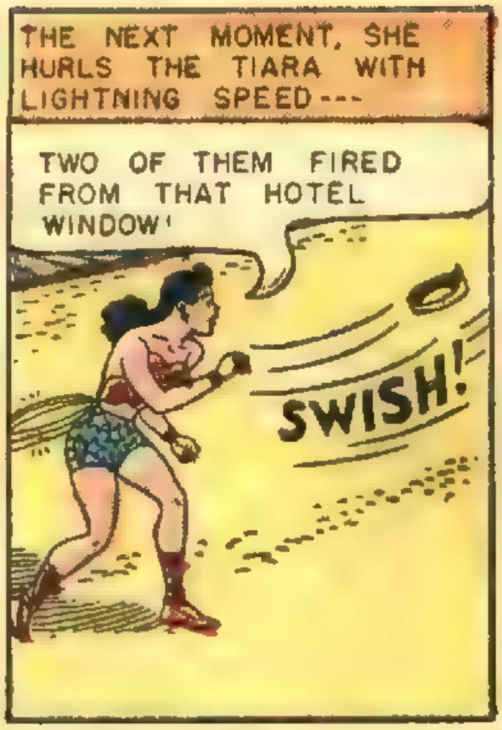
"The LAST SHERIFF!"

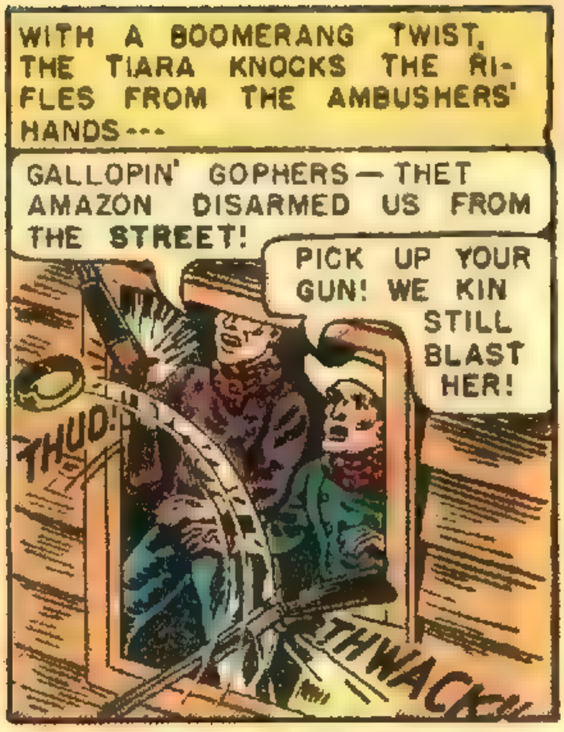


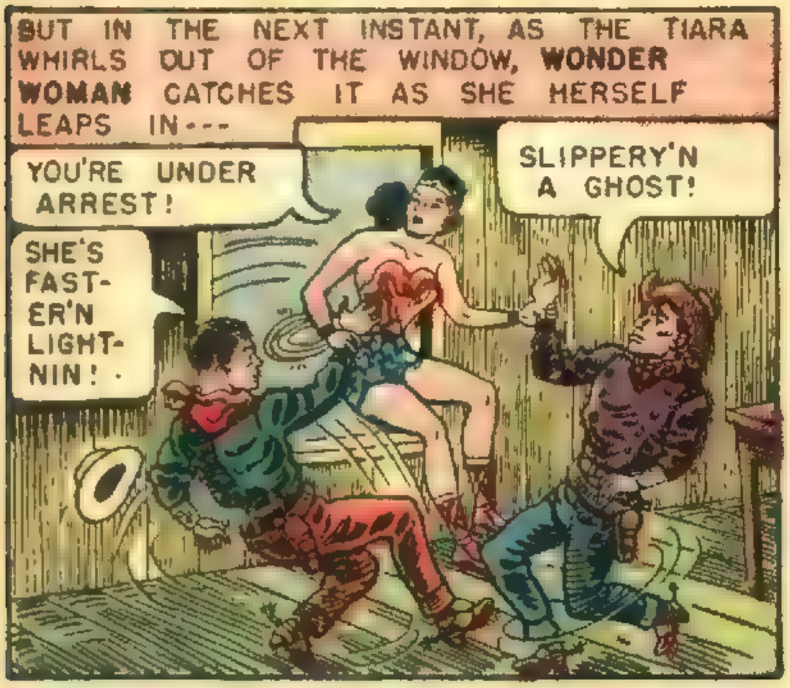

ONE MORNING, AS WONDER WOMAN RECEIVES HER MAIL IN HER SECRET IDENTITY OF LT. DIANA PRINCE---
A SHERIFF'S BADGE—WITH A BULLET HOLE THROUGH IT!
SHERIFF
DEAR WONDER WOMAN! THIS BULLET-TORN BADGE BELONGED TO THE LAST SHERIFF WE HAD—TO FALL AGAINST THE GUNS OF OUTLAWS! OUR TOWN IS AT THE MERCY OF BADMEN—SINCE NO ONE WILL RISK WEARING THE SHERIFF'S BADGE ANY MORE! WE HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT IT! SIGNED: CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF LAWLESS.
A MOMENT LATER, THE YOUNG MILITARY INTELLIGENCE LIEUTENANT CHANGES INTO THE SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN AND-
CALLING PLANE—!
WESTWARD HURTLES THE FEARLESS AMAZON IN HER UNIQUE PLANE—
I SHOULD BE SIGHTING LAWLESS ANY MOMENT NOW!
BANK
THE TOWN SEEMS SO QUIET—!
2
BUT, OVERLOOKING THE STREET ---
WONDER WOMAN DON'T KNOW SHE'S WALKIN' PLUMB RIGHT INTO OUR SIGHTS!
THE BOSS'LL HAVE HER AMBUSHED JEST LIKE ALL THE OTHER SHERIFFS! HO! HO!

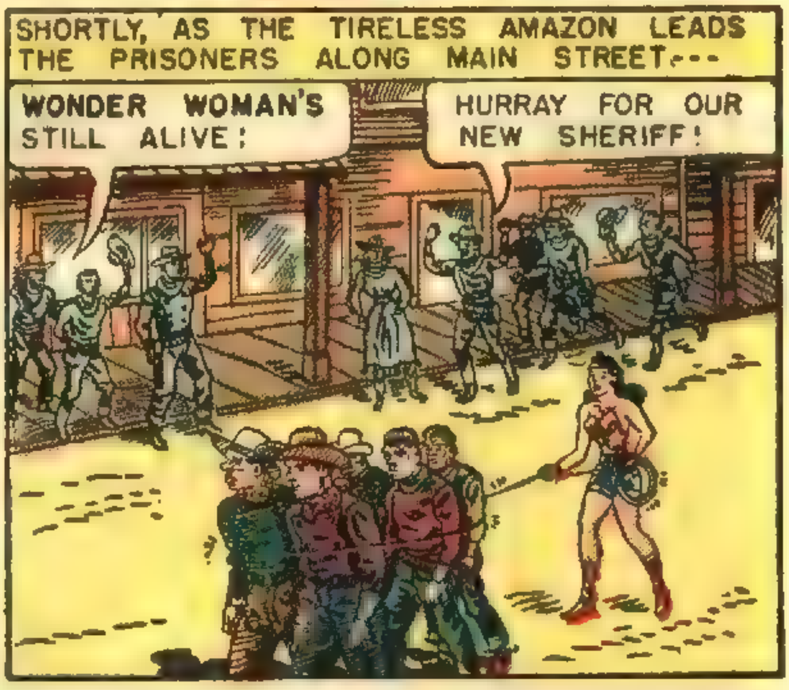

JUST THEN---
BANK
BANK
THE BANK'S BEING HELD UP! AND THE ROBBERS ARE RUNNING RIGHT INTO MY HANDS!
CRACK!
KRAK!
CRACK!
MY FIRST OFFICAL ACT AS SHERIFF OF LAWLESS WILL BE TO ARREST THEM!
A LIGHTNING CAST OF HER LASSO---
HOWLIN' COYOTES! WONDER WOMAN'S CAUGHT US!
UNKNOWN TO THE AMAZON SHERIFF, SHE IS FRAMED IN DEADLY GUN-SIGHTS---
WHILE WONDER WOMAN'S BUSY ARRESTIN' THE BOYS — WE'LL RIDDLE HER BEFORE SHE KNOWS WHAT'S HAPPENED — JUST AS THE BOSS PLANNED!
BUT, AS THE AMBUSHERS RELEASE THEIR TRIGGERS BACK...
CLICK!!
THE INCREDIBLY KEEN HEARING OF THE AMAZON INTERPRETS THE SOUND UNHEARD BY ANY ORDINARY HUMAN---
I'M IN AN AMBUSH!
POW!
KPOW!

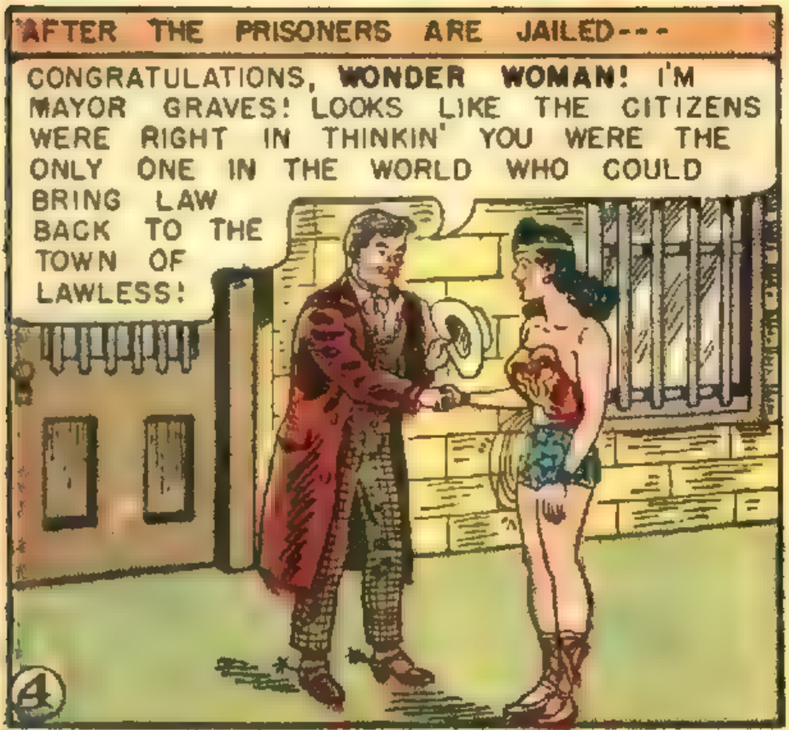

WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED **WONDER WOMAN** SNATCHES OFF HER TIARA MADE OF AMAZONIUM, HARDEST METAL KNOWN AND STOPS THE BULLETS---
KLANG!
BEEANG!

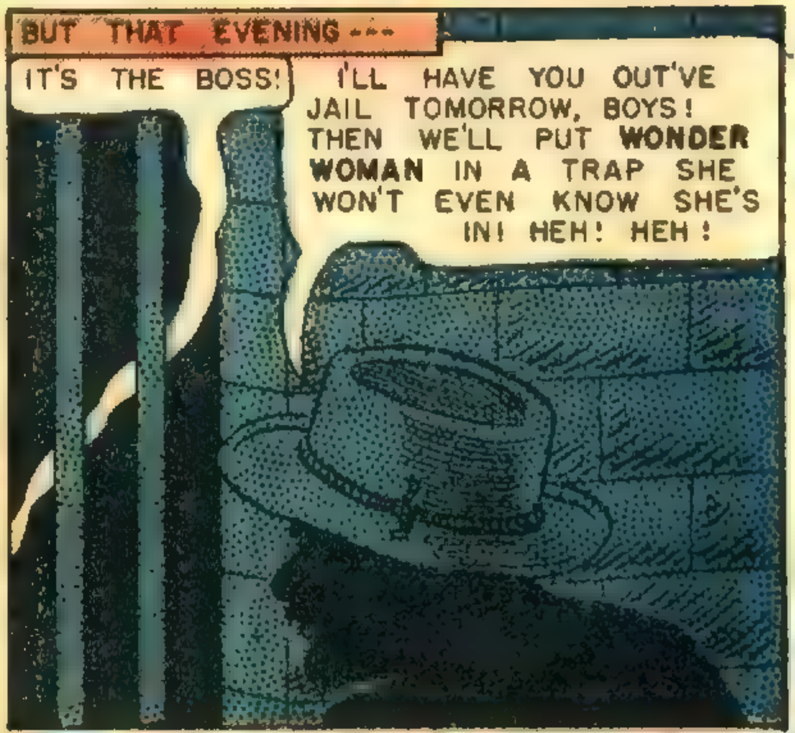

THE NEXT MOMENT, SHE HURLS THE TIARA WITH LIGHTNING SPEED---
TWO OF THEM FIRED FROM THAT HOTEL WINDOW!
SWISH!

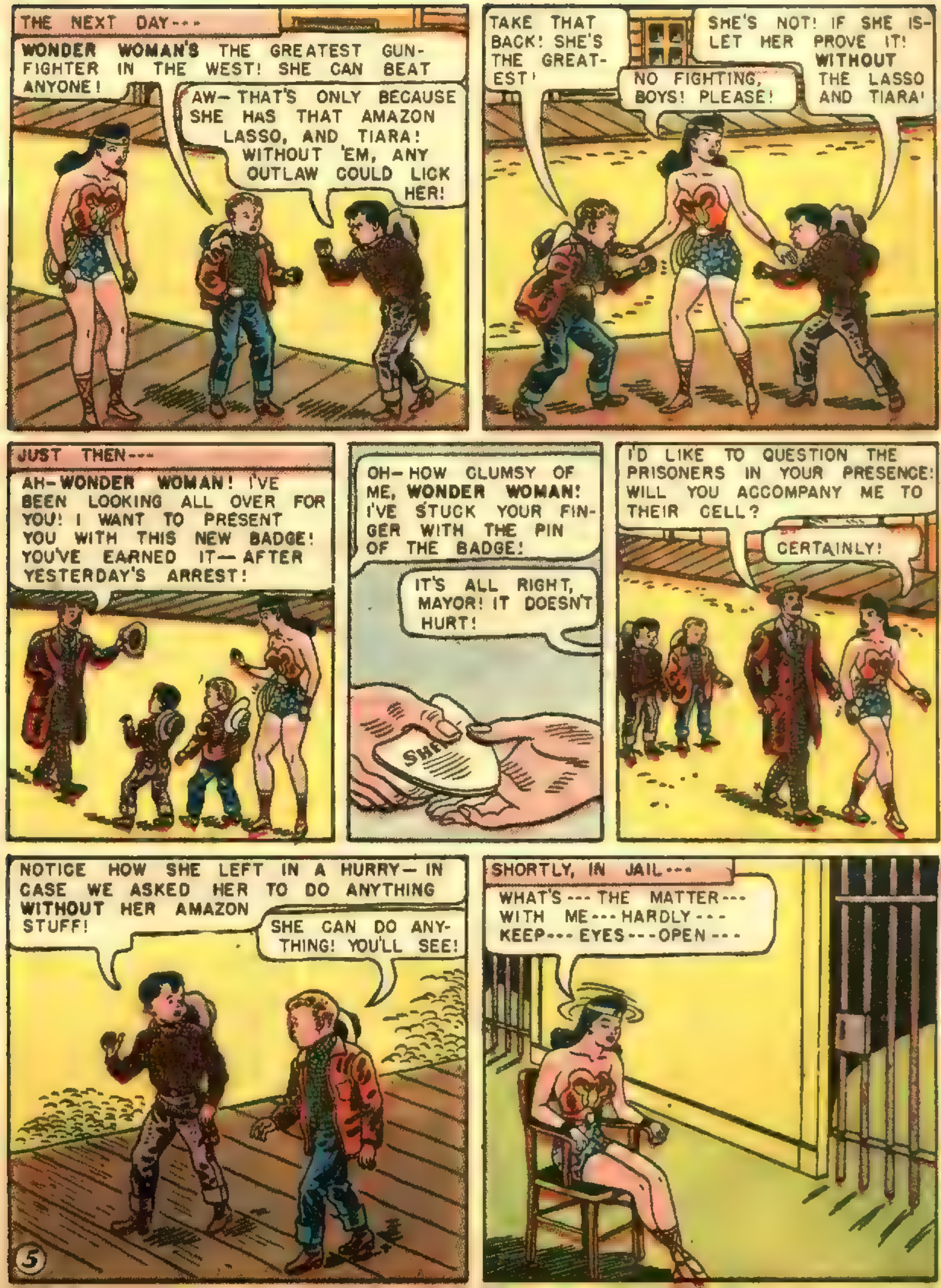

WITH A BOOMERANG TWIST, THE TIARA KNOCKS THE RIFLES FROM THE AMBUSHERS' HANDS---
GALLOPIN' GOPHERS — THET AMAZON DISARMED US FROM THE **STREET**!
PICK UP YOUR GUN! WE KIN STILL BLAST HER!
THUD!
THWACK!

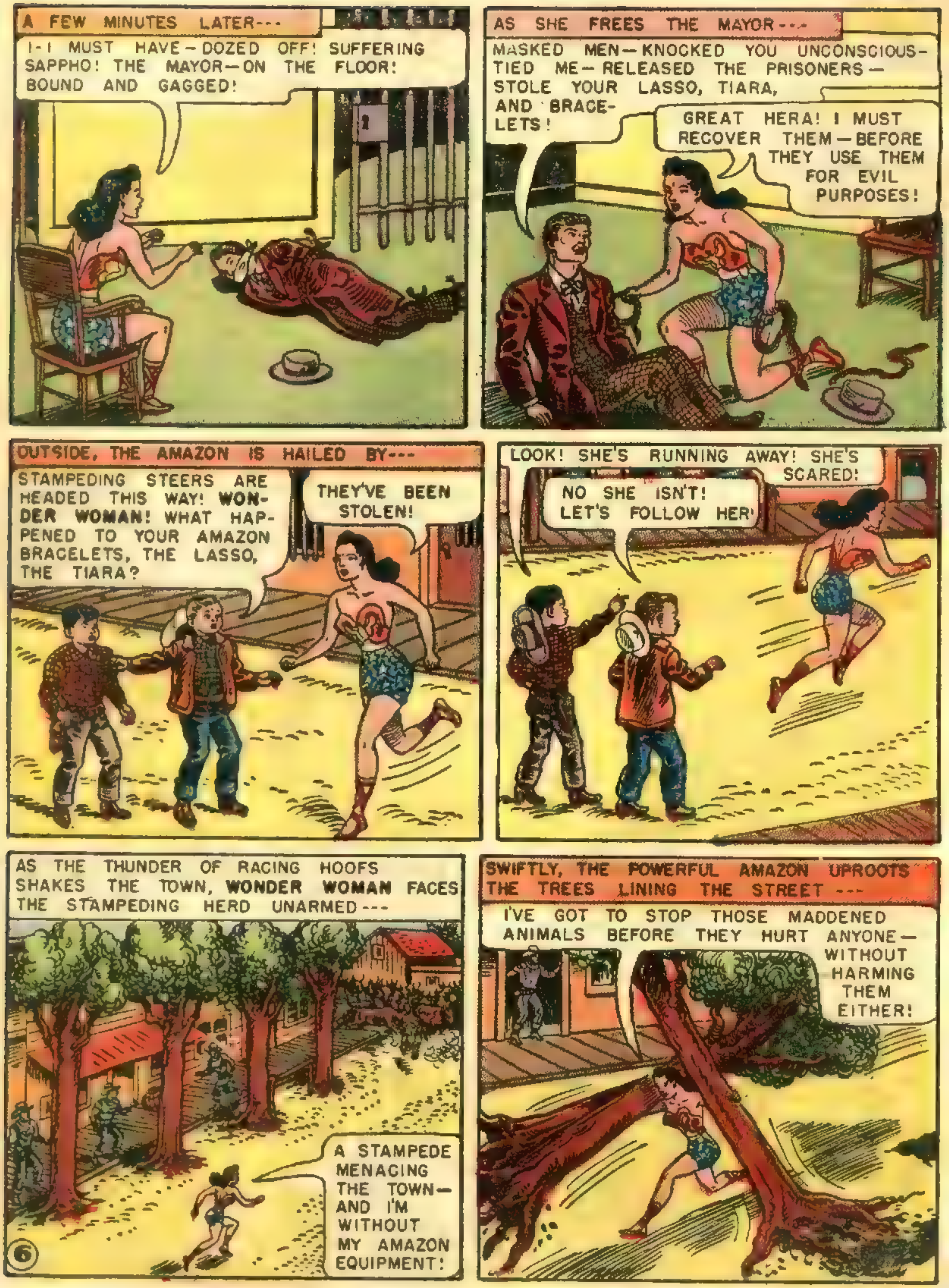

BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT, AS THE TIARA WHIRLS OUT OF THE WINDOW, **WONDER WOMAN** CATCHES IT AS SHE HERSELF LEAPS IN---
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
SLIPPERY'N A GHOST!
SHE'S FASTER'N LIGHTNIN'!

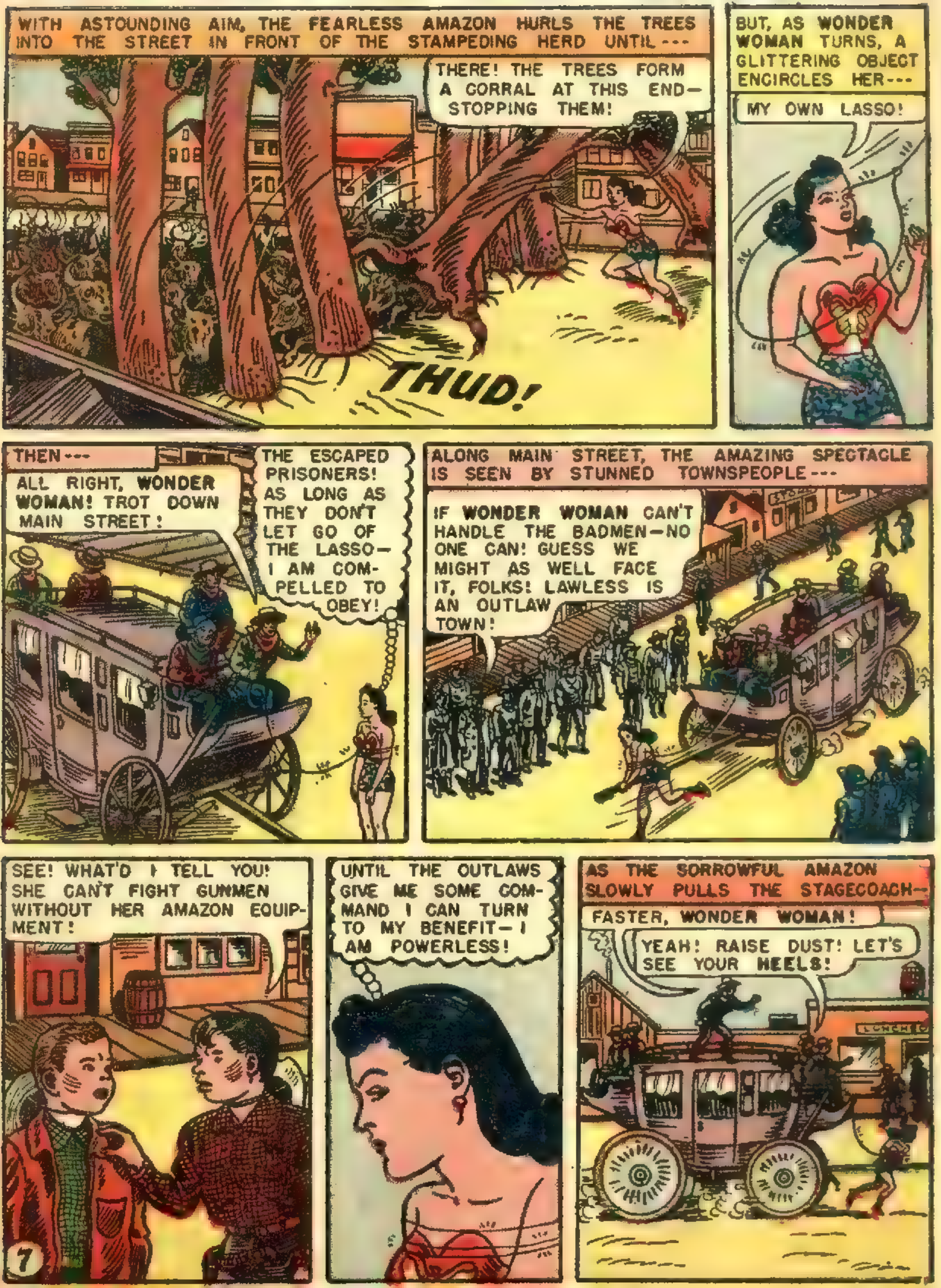

SHORTLY, AS THE TIRELESS AMAZON LEADS THE PRISONERS ALONG MAIN STREET---
WONDER WOMAN'S STILL ALIVE!
HURRAY FOR OUR NEW SHERIFF!


AFTER THE PRISONERS ARE JAILED---
CONGRATULATIONS, **WONDER WOMAN**! I'M MAYOR GRAVES! LOOKS LIKE THE CITIZENS WERE RIGHT IN THINKIN' YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD WHO COULD BRING LAW BACK TO THE TOWN OF LAWLESS!


BUT THAT EVENING---
IT'S THE BOSS!
I'LL HAVE YOU OUT'VE JAIL TOMORROW, BOYS! THEN WE'LL PUT **WONDER WOMAN** IN A TRAP SHE WON'T EVEN KNOW SHE'S IN! HEH! HEH!


THE NEXT DAY---
WONDER WOMAN'S THE GREATEST GUNFIGHTER IN THE WEST! SHE CAN BEAT ANYONE!
AW—THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE SHE HAS THAT AMAZON LASSO, AND TIARA! WITHOUT 'EM, ANY OUTLAW COULD LICK HER!
TAKE THAT BACK! SHE'S THE GREATEST!
SHE'S NOT! IF SHE IS—LET HER PROVE IT! WITHOUT THE LASSO AND TIARA!
NO FIGHTING, BOYS! PLEASE!
JUST THEN---
AH—WONDER WOMAN! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! I WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS NEW BADGE! YOU'VE EARNED IT—AFTER YESTERDAY'S ARREST!
OH—HOW CLUMSY OF ME, WONDER WOMAN! I'VE STUCK YOUR FINGER WITH THE PIN OF THE BADGE!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, MAYOR! IT DOESN'T HURT!
SHE
I'D LIKE TO QUESTION THE PRISONERS IN YOUR PRESENCE! WILL YOU ACCOMPANY ME TO THEIR CELL?
CERTAINLY!
NOTICE HOW SHE LEFT IN A HURRY—IN CASE WE ASKED HER TO DO ANYTHING WITHOUT HER AMAZON STUFF!
SHE CAN DO ANYTHING! YOU'LL SEE!
SHORTLY, IN JAIL---
WHAT'S---THE MATTER---WITH ME---HARDLY---KEEP---EYES---OPEN---


A FEW MINUTES LATER---
I-I MUST HAVE—DOZED OFF! SUFFERING SAPPHO! THE MAYOR—ON THE FLOOR! BOUND AND GAGGED!
AS SHE FREES THE MAYOR---
MASKED MEN—KNOCKED YOU UNCONSCIOUS—TIED ME—RELEASED THE PRISONERS—STOLE YOUR LASSO, TIARA, AND BRACELETS!
GREAT HERA! I MUST RECOVER THEM—BEFORE THEY USE THEM FOR EVIL PURPOSES!
OUTSIDE, THE AMAZON IS HAILED BY---
STAMPEDING STEERS ARE HEADED THIS WAY! WONDER WOMAN! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR AMAZON BRACELETS, THE LASSO, THE TIARA?
THEY'VE BEEN STOLEN!
LOOK! SHE'S RUNNING AWAY! SHE'S SCARED!
NO SHE ISN'T! LET'S FOLLOW HER!
AS THE THUNDER OF RACING HOOFS SHAKES THE TOWN, WONDER WOMAN FACES THE STAMPEDING HERD UNARMED---
A STAMPEDE MENACING THE TOWN—AND I'M WITHOUT MY AMAZON EQUIPMENT!
SWIFTLY, THE POWERFUL AMAZON UPROOTS THE TREES LINING THE STREET---
I'VE GOT TO STOP THOSE MADDENED ANIMALS BEFORE THEY HURT ANYONE—WITHOUT HARMING THEM EITHER!


WITH ASTOUNDING AIM, THE FEARLESS AMAZON HURLS THE TREES INTO THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE STAMPEDING HERD UNTIL---
THERE! THE TREES FORM A CORRAL AT THIS END—STOPPING THEM!
THUD!
BUT, AS WONDER WOMAN TURNS, A GLITTERING OBJECT ENCIRCLES HER---
MY OWN LASSO!
THEN---
ALL RIGHT, WONDER WOMAN! TROT DOWN MAIN STREET!
THE ESCAPED PRISONERS! AS LONG AS THEY DON'T LET GO OF THE LASSO—I AM COMPELLED TO OBEY!
ALONG MAIN STREET, THE AMAZING SPECTACLE IS SEEN BY STUNNED TOWNSPEOPLE---
IF WONDER WOMAN CAN'T HANDLE THE BADMEN—NO ONE CAN! GUESS WE MIGHT AS WELL FACE IT, FOLKS! LAWLESS IS AN OUTLAW TOWN!
SEE! WHAT'D I TELL YOU! SHE CAN'T FIGHT GUNMEN WITHOUT HER AMAZON EQUIPMENT!
UNTIL THE OUTLAWS GIVE ME SOME COMMAND I CAN TURN TO MY BENEFIT—I AM POWERLESS!
AS THE SORROWFUL AMAZON SLOWLY PULLS THE STAGECOACH—
FASTER, WONDER WOMAN!
YEAH! RAISE DUST! LET'S SEE YOUR HEELS!
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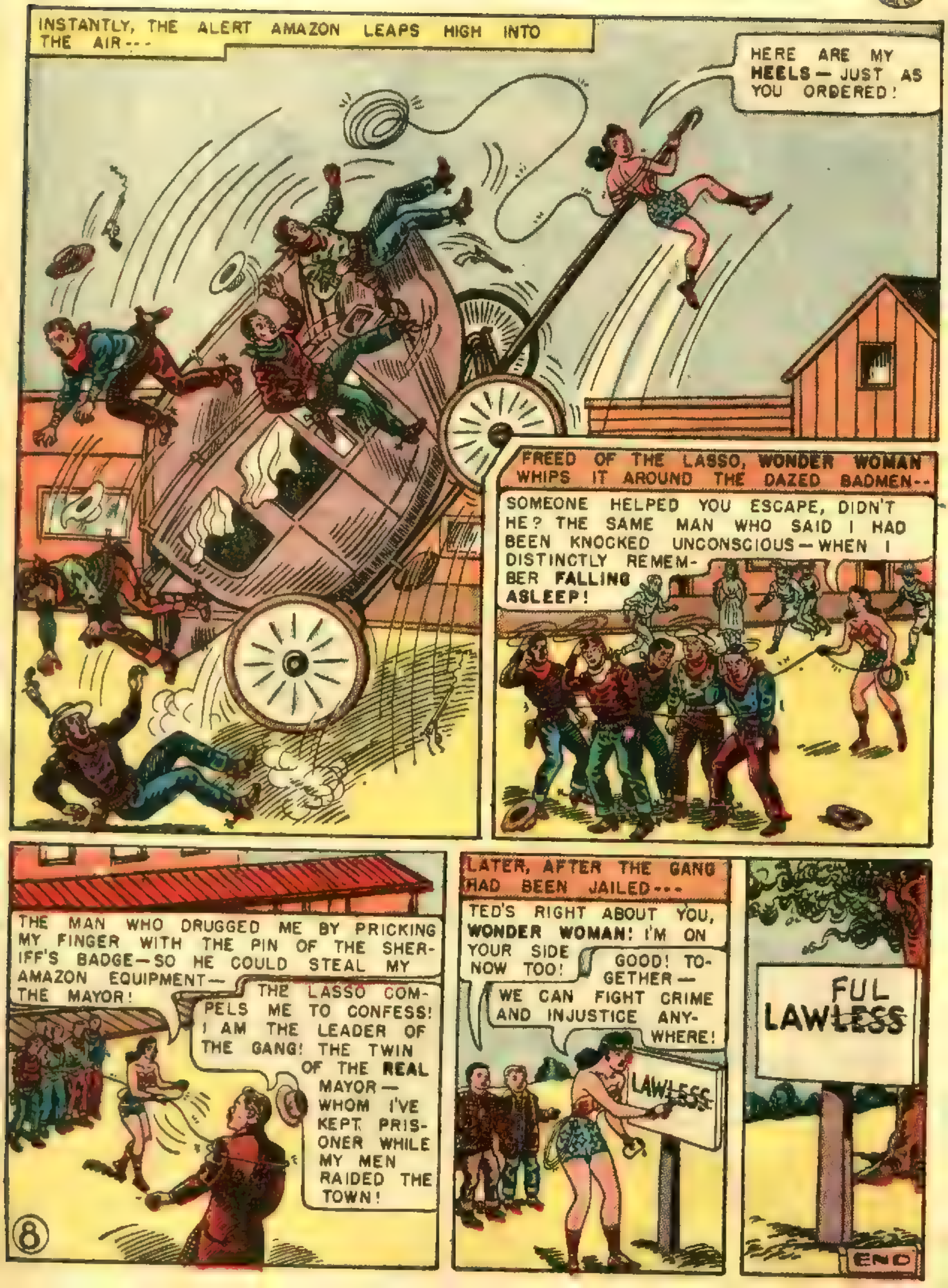
INSTANTLY, THE ALERT AMAZON LEAPS HIGH INTO THE AIR---
HERE ARE MY **HEELS** — JUST AS YOU ORDERED!
FREED OF THE LASSO, **WONDER WOMAN** WHIPS IT AROUND THE DAZED BADMEN--
SOMEONE HELPED YOU ESCAPE, DIDN'T HE? THE SAME MAN WHO SAID I HAD BEEN KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS — WHEN I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER **FALLING ASLEEP!**
THE MAN WHO DRUGGED ME BY PRICKING MY FINGER WITH THE PIN OF THE SHERIFF'S BADGE — SO HE COULD STEAL MY AMAZON EQUIPMENT — THE MAYOR!
THE LASSO COMPELS ME TO CONFESS! I AM THE LEADER OF THE GANG! THE TWIN OF THE **REAL** MAYOR — WHOM I'VE KEPT PRISONER WHILE MY MEN RAIDED THE TOWN!
⑧
LATER, AFTER THE GANG HAD BEEN JAILED---
TED'S RIGHT ABOUT YOU, **WONDER WOMAN**! I'M ON YOUR SIDE NOW TOO!
GOOD! TOGETHER — WE CAN FIGHT CRIME AND INJUSTICE ANYWHERE!
LAWLESS
FUL
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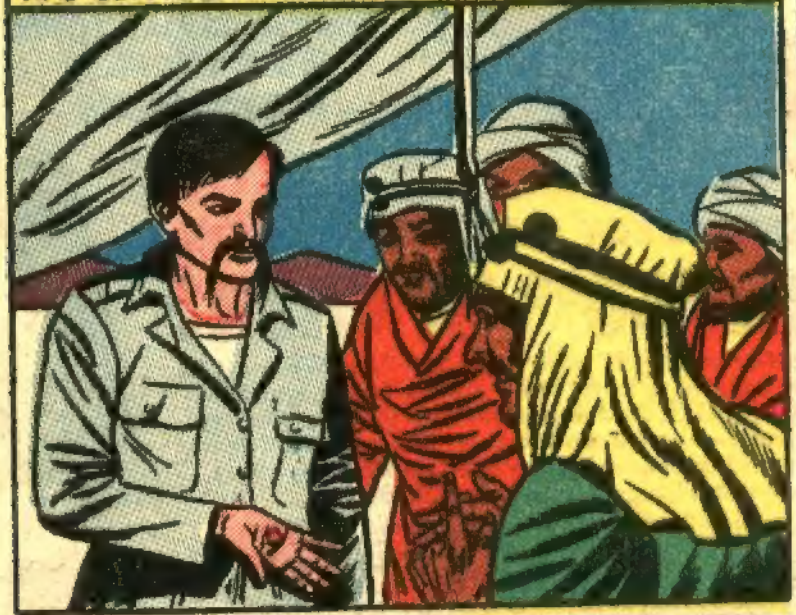
END

GEMS of DESTINY!

THE RENOWNED BRITISH EXPLORER AND AUTHOR, SIR RICHARD BURTON, CARRIED A LARGE *STAR SAPPHIRE* ON HIS JOURNEYS, WHICH IS REPUTED TO HAVE ENABLED HIM TO REACH HIS DESTINATIONS SAFELY. HIS ATTENDING NATIVES CONSIDERED IT A SPECIAL HONOR IF SIR RICHARD GAVE THEM A GLIMPSE OF THE FABULOUS GEM, FOR THEY BELIEVED THAT THE MERE SIGHT OF IT WAS SUFFICIENT TO BRING THEM GOOD LUCK...



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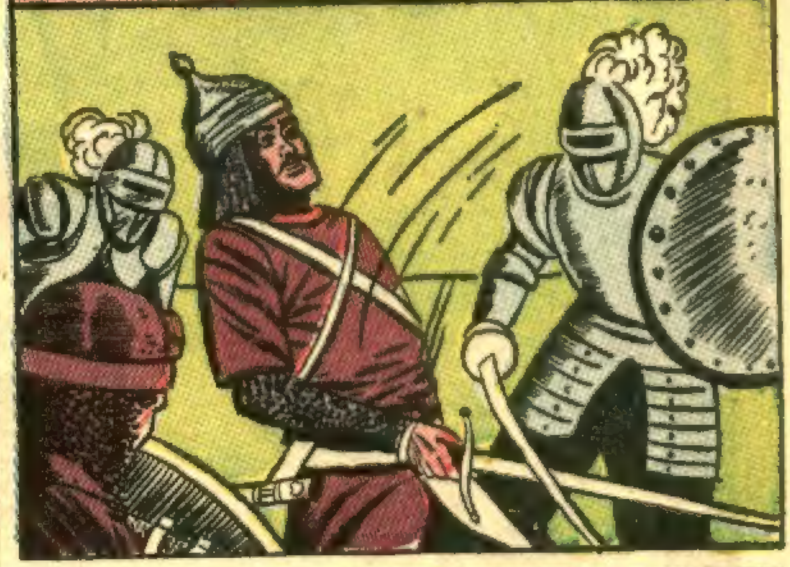
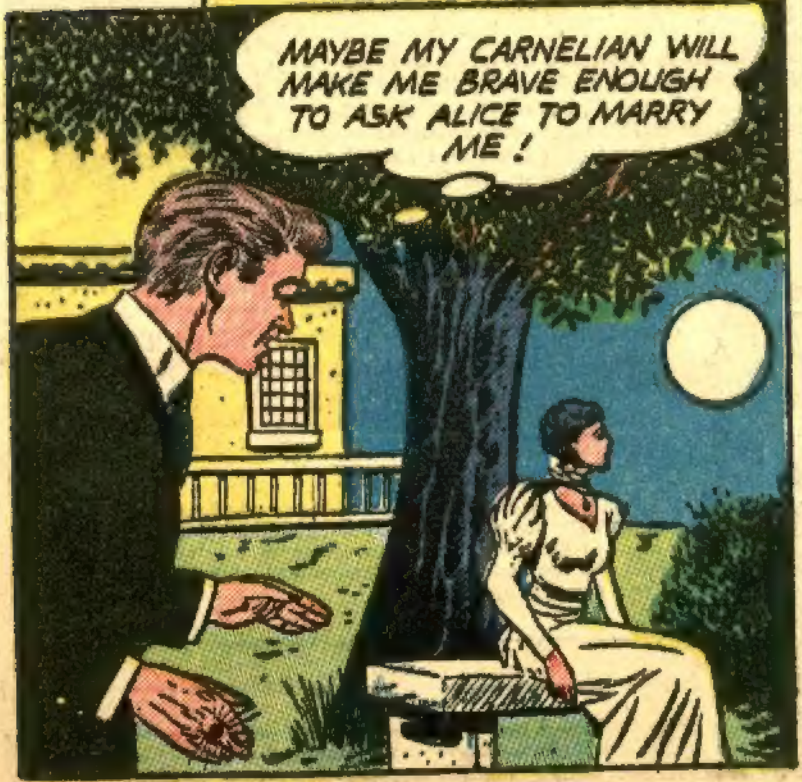


SHY PERSONS WHO WERE INCLINED TO BE POOR TALKERS WORE A *CARNELIAN* IN THE BELIEF THAT THE RED-HUED GEM WOULD BOLSTER THEIR COURAGE AND STRENGTHEN THEIR ARTICULATION...


MAYBE MY CARNELIAN WILL MAKE ME BRAVE ENOUGH TO ASK ALICE TO MARRY ME!

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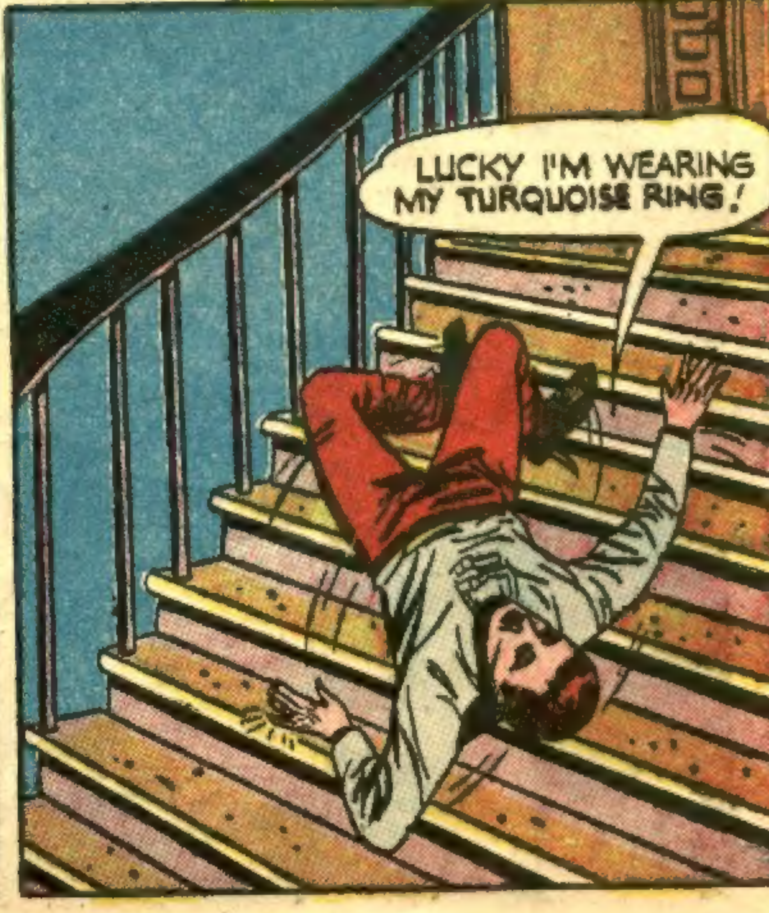
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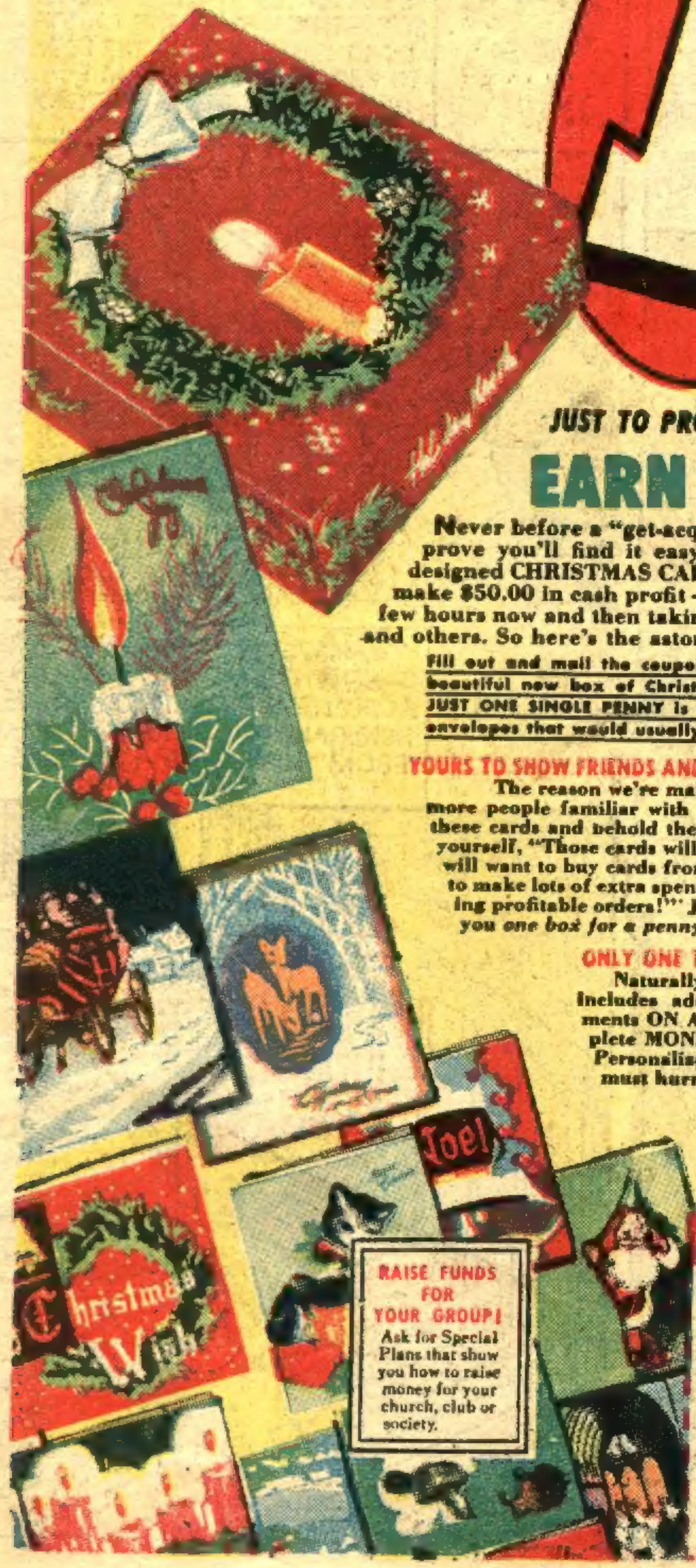

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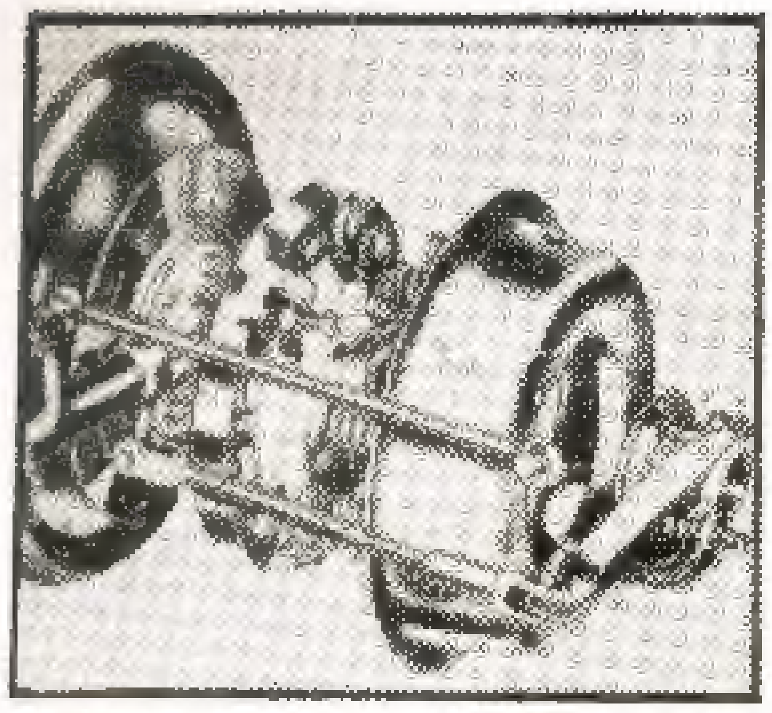

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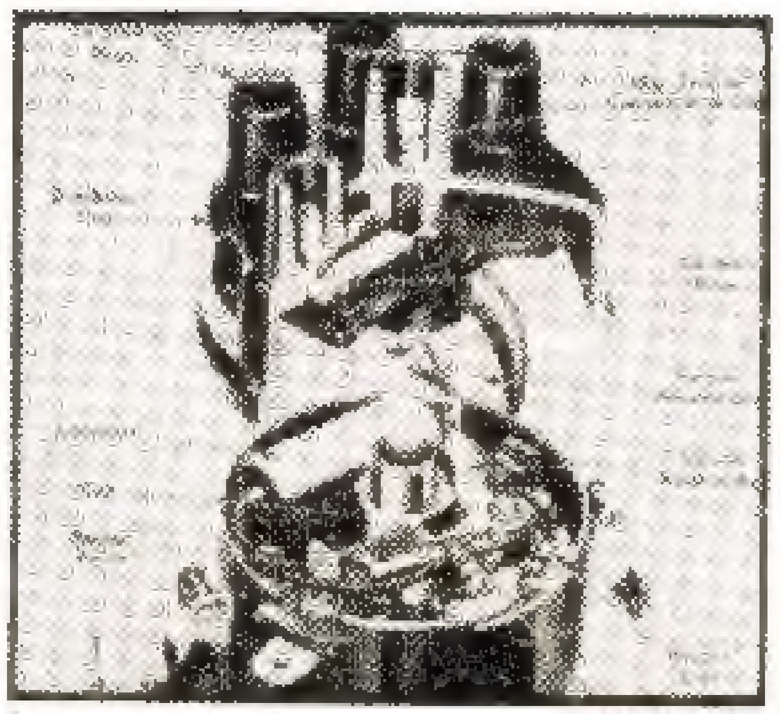

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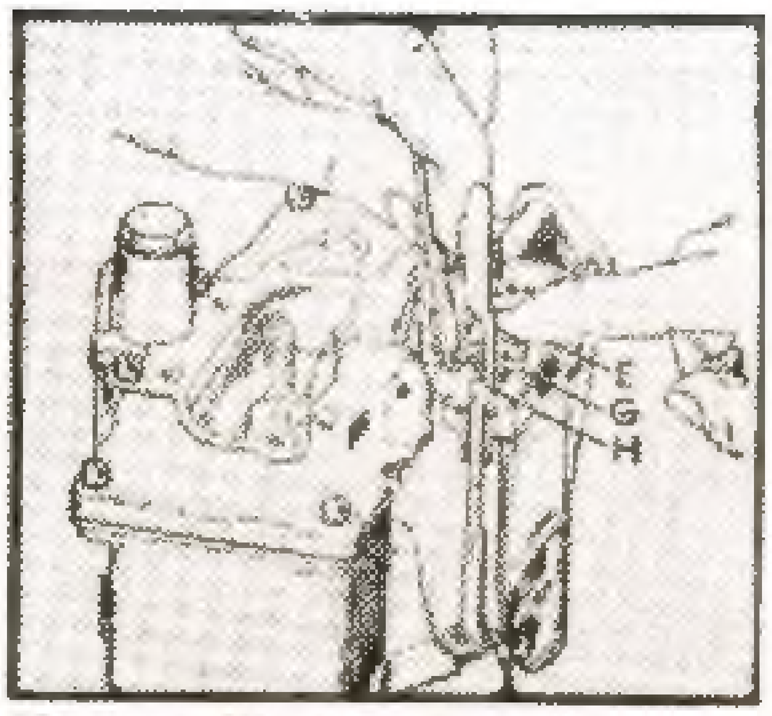

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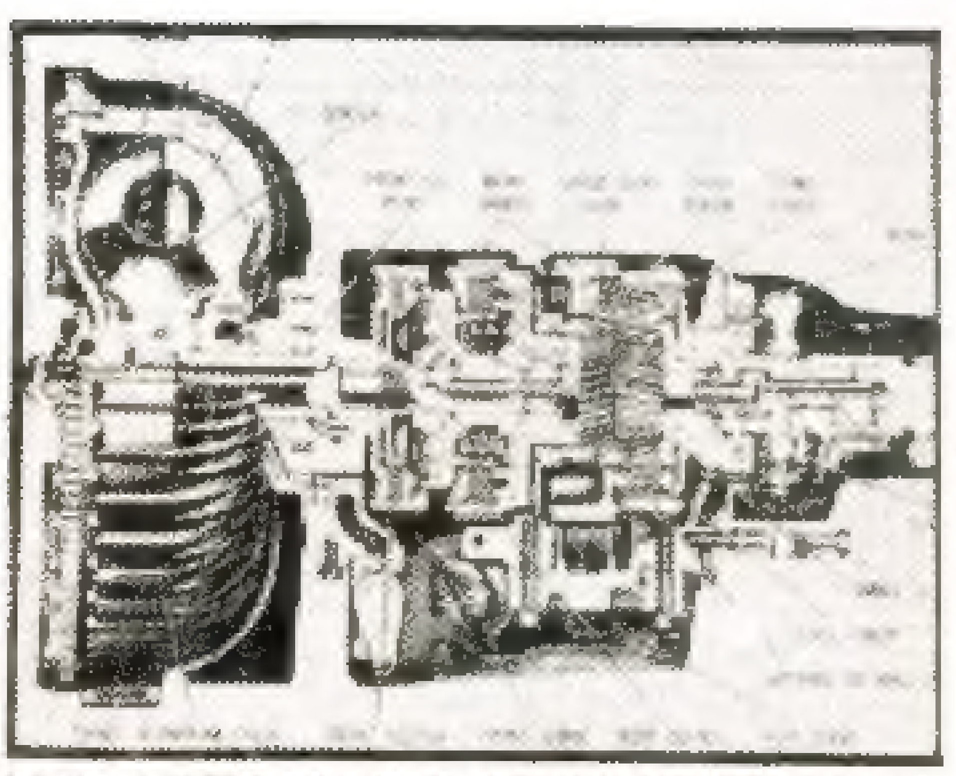

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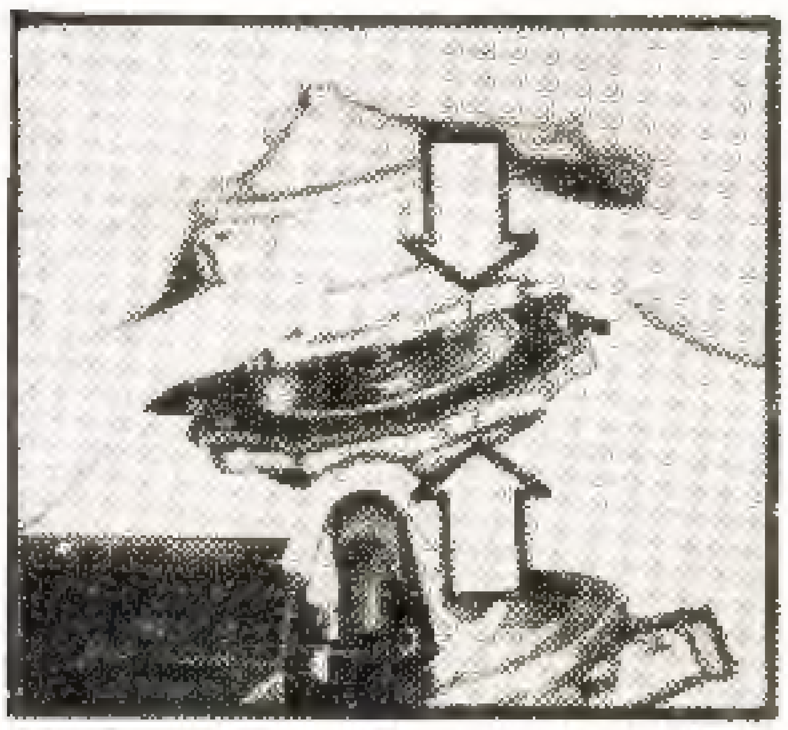

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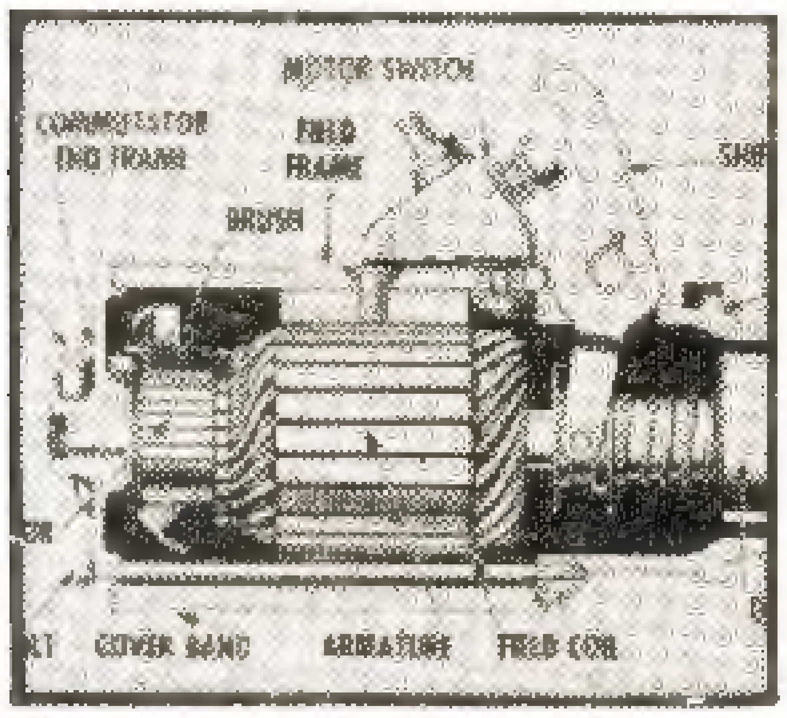

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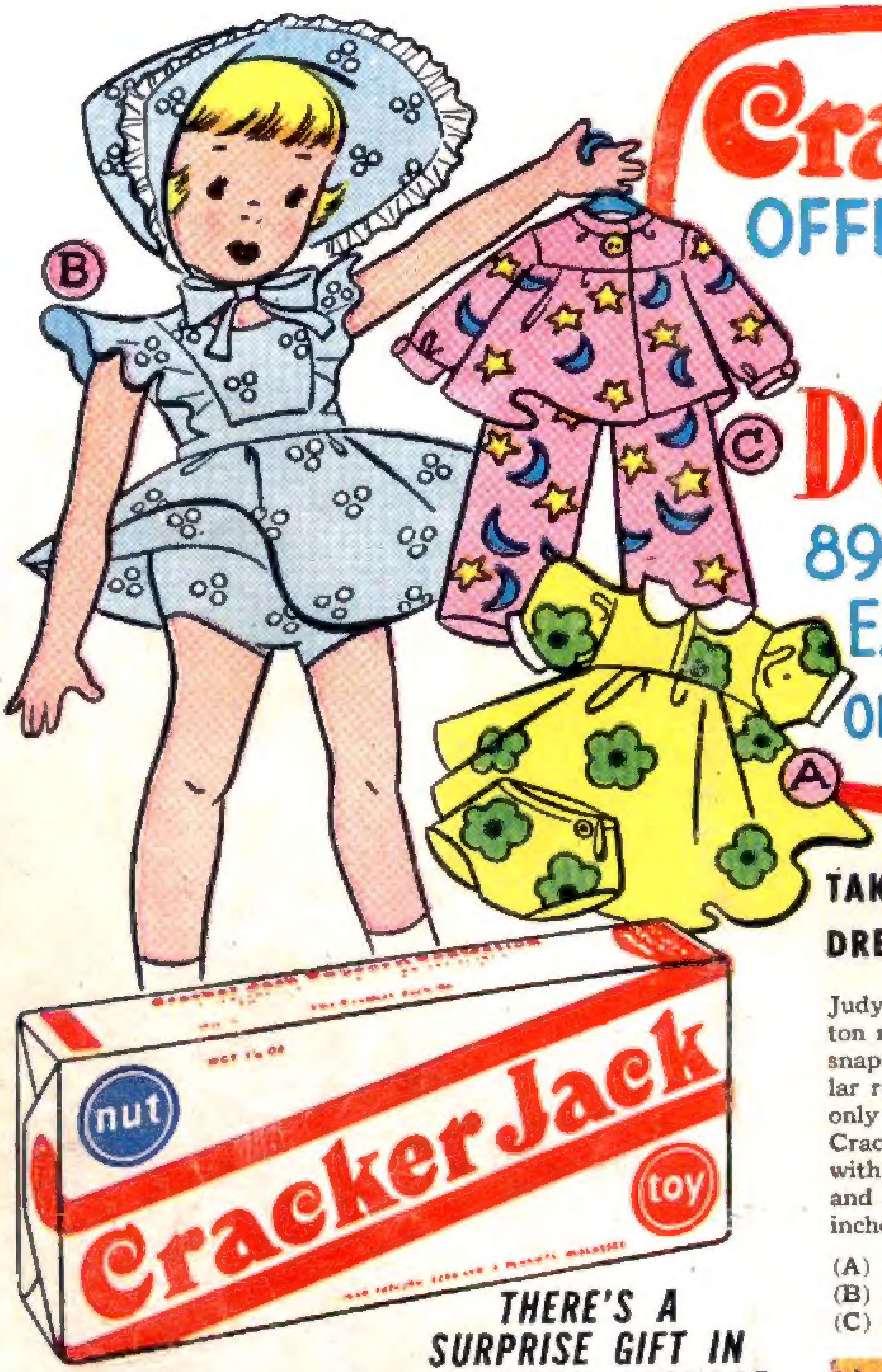

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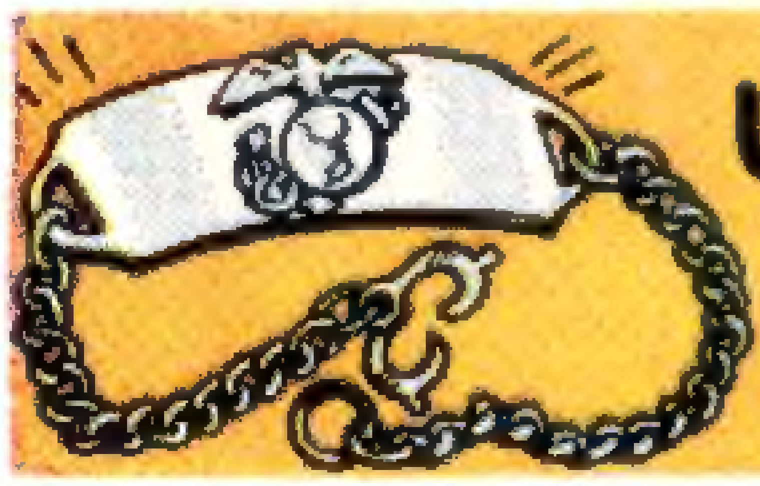

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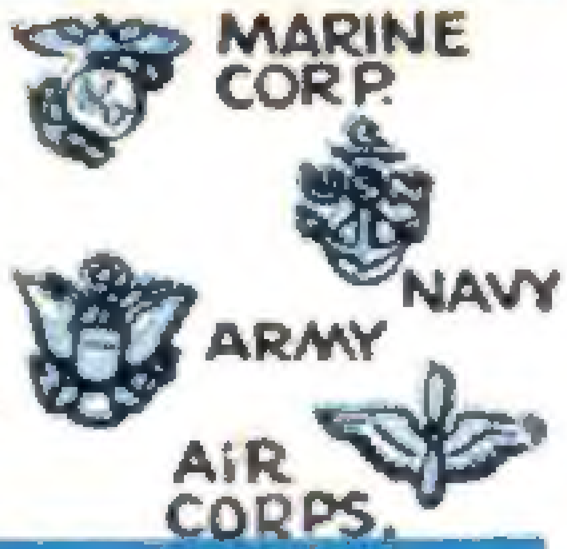
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